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Bill aims to address hate crimes

Connecticut lawmakers push to strengthen police investigations amid rise of incidents

By Christopher Keating Hartford Courant

HARTFORD - With hate crimes increasing nationally and in Connecticut, lawmakers are pushing to enhance investigations by state police.

Lawmakers have been looking to force the state police to create a hate crimes unit, but the bill

was delayed last year. In October, public safety commissioner James Rovella established the unit on his own, but a bill, passed 32-1 by the state Senate on Wednesday, would codify it into law and essentially block future commissioners from dismantling it, officials said.

"Connecticut currently doesn't have in place a uniform system of investigating hate crimes, nor any real-time, consistent sharing of information of hate crime investigations among law enforcement in the state," said Sen. Cathy Osten, co-chairwoman of the legislature's public safety committee. "This bill will ensure that we are providing our law enforcement with the resources and tools necessary to properly monitor, investigate and communicate with hates crimes investigations."

During the floor debate Wednesday, Osten said, "Without a uniform hate crimes system ... data now being recorded on an annual basis may be inconsistent."

She added that specific elements must be present for police and prosecutors to establish an incident as a hate crime.

"Just because someone gets involved in a bar fight doesn't mean it's a hate crime," Osten said.

Law enforcement will work to prevent and prosecute certain crimes based on bias or bigotry against race, religion, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.

The measure now goes to the state House of Representatives, which did not vote on the issue last year after a similar bill was passed by the Senate. Lawmakers are rushing to finish their work on hundreds of bills before the regular session adjourns May 4.

Connecticut had 101 reported hate crimes in 2020, based on FBI statistics. Those included 61 involving race, ancestry or ethnicity, while 17 involved religion.

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Members of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Meriden walk the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, led by the Rev. James Manship, not pictured. Connecticut churches are welcoming people back to gather in person this Easter after two years of virtual services. SEAN FOWLER/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

'Hope and light'

Area churches welcome Easter with in-person services

By Kaitlin McCallum | Hartford Courant

fter two years of virtual services and empty pews, Connecticut churches are welcoming people back to gather in person this Easter and clergy say the return is much needed. "We're facing so much difficulty as a country and as a world, with COVID, the tragedy in Ukraine, it's a

very dark time for us," said the Rev. Jane Willan, senior pastor at First Church in West Hartford. "And Easter is a moment that offers hope and light. Resurrection is a time of new life, about the rebirth and rejuvenation that Christ brings with his presence."

At Calvary Fellowship in West Hartford, Lead Pastor Bill LaMorey has tried to help people unpack the struggles of the past few years, beginning by just naming all of the losses.

"With COVID we were locking down, many of us lost loved ones, the rest of us lost other things, and politically, socially, there's been upheaval faster than most of

us can process," LaMorey said. Easter, the Christian holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, is a perfect parallel to what people have been expe-

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WAR IN UKRAINE

900 civilian bodies found

Official says many in streets near Kyiv were fatally shot

By Adam Schreck and Yesica Fisch Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — The bodies of more than 900 civilians have been discovered in the region surrounding the Ukrainian capital following Russia's withdrawal, most of them fatally shot, police said Friday, an indication that many people were "simply executed."

The jarring number emerged shortly after Russia's Defense Ministry promised to step up missile attacks on Kyiv in response to Ukraine's alleged assaults on Russian territory. That ominous warning followed the stunning loss of Moscow's flagship in the Black Sea, which a senior U.S. defense official said Friday was indeed hit by at least one Ukrainian missile.

Russia has also sent a series of warnings to the Biden administration, including a formal diplomatic protest this week, demanding that it halt shipment of advanced weapons to Ukraine that could strike into Russian territory or risk unspecified "unpredictable consequences."

The diplomatic note, called a demarche, was sent through normal channels, two administration officials said. It was not signed by President Vladimir Putin or other senior Russian officials. But it was an indicator, one administration official said, that the weapons sent by the United States so far were having an effect.

It also suggested that the

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Cinco de Julius will celebrate beloved Collinsville man

Proclamation renamed Cinco de Mayo in his honor after he had a fatal heart attack on the day last year

By Susan Dunne Hartford Courant

CANTON — Early in the day on May 5, 2021, Julius Fialkiewicz, of Collinsville, posted twice on Facebook. The first post was a silly joke: "This year will be the first Cinco de Mayo when Americans try to avoid getting a case of Corona." The second was a share, someone else's post about a lost

A few hours later, while sitting at his usual spot at the bar at Lisa's Crown and Hammer Restaurant

& Pub, enjoying his usual Espolon tequila, Fialkiewicz suffered a massive heart attack. He died the next day at UConn Health Center, surrounded by his loved ones. He was 71 years old.

Fialkiewicz's sudden death shocked Collinsville, where he was a pillar of the community. The two Facebook posts on May 5 seem to sum up what loved ones recall of his character: Julius "JR" Fialkiewicz was a man with a cheerful nature and a helpful

On May 5, while most restau-

rants celebrate Cinco de Mayo, Crown and Hammer will celebrate Cinco de Julius.

The party is as Fialkiewicz would have wanted. By his request, he had no formal memorial service. But he never passed up a chance to while away a few hours with friends at the Crown and Hammer.

In fact, all of Collinsville will celebrate Cinco de Julius, by official decree. On May 12, 2021, First Selectman Robert Bessel issued a proclamation to "henceforth rename the celebration of Cinco de Mayo to Cinco de Julius in the Town of Canton."

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Julius Fialkiewicz, of Collinsville, had a heart attack on May 5, 2021, while sitting at his usual spot at the bar at Crown and Hammer Restaurant & Pub, enjoying his usual Espolon tequila. He died the next day. RACHEL FRENETTE-**DAVIDSON**

State worker raises would cost about \$1.9B over 4 years

It would cost Connecticut nearly \$1.9 billion over four years to cover the raises, bonuses and related costs Gov. Ned Lamont negotiated for about 46,000 state employees, nonpartisan legislative analysts report. Connecticut, Page 1

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Russians were concerned about the new tranche of more sophisticated offensive weaponry, part of an \$800 million package that President Joe Biden announced the day after the Russian Embassy in Washington delivered the demarche.

Amid its threats, Moscow continued preparations for a renewed offensive in eastern Ukraine. Fighting also went on in the pummeled southern port city of Mariupol, where locals reported seeing Russian troops digging up bodies. In the northeastern city of Kharkiv, shelling of a residential area killed seven people, including a 7-monthold child, and wounded 34, according to regional governor Oleh Sinehubov.

Around Kyiv, Andriy Nebytov, the head of the capital's regional police force, said bodies were abandoned in the streets or given temporary burials. He cited police data indicating 95% died from gunshot wounds.

"Consequently, we understand that under the (Russian) occupation, people were simply executed in the streets," Nebvtov said.

More bodies are being found every day, under rubble and in mass graves. he added, with the largest number found in Bucha.



A woman mourns over the coffin of her son, a soldier, on Friday in Bucha, Ukraine. DANIEL BEREHULAK/THE NEW YORK TIMES

where there were more than

According to Nebytov, utilities workers in Bucha gathered and buried bodies in the Kyiv suburb while it remained under Russian control. Russian troops, he added, were "tracking down" people who expressed strong pro-Ukrainian views.

More violence could be in store for Kyiv after Russian authorities accused Ukraine of wounding seven people and damaging about 100 residential buildings with airstrikes in Bryansk, a region bordering Ukraine. Authorities in another border region of Russia also reported Ukrainian shelling Thursday.

"The number and the scale of missile attacks on objects in Kyiv will be ramped up in response to the Kyiv nationalist regime committing any terrorist attacks or diversions on the Russian territory," Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said.

Russia used missiles to destroy a facility for the repair and production of missile systems in Kyiv, Konashenkov said.

Ukrainian officials have not confirmed striking targets in Russia, and the reports could not be independently verified.

However, Ukrainian officials said their forces did strike a key Russian warship with missiles. A senior U.S.

defense official backed up the claim, saying the U.S. now believes the Moskva was hit by at least one, and probably two, Neptune missiles. Earlier, the Pentagon said it could not confirm the cause of the large fire aboard the guided-missile cruiser. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss an intelligence assessment.

The Neptune is an antiship missile recently developed by Ukraine based on an earlier Soviet design.

The Moskva, named for the Russian capital, then sank while being towed to port Thursday after taking heavy damage. Though Moscow did not acknowledge any attack, saying only that a fire had caused ammunition on board to detonate, the loss of the ship represents an important victory for Ukraine and a symbolic defeat for Russia.

The sinking reduces Russia's firepower in the Black Sea, although military analysts disagreed on the event's significance to the course of the war. Either way, the loss was viewed as emblematic of Moscow's fortunes in an eight-week invasion widely seen as a historic blunder following the retreat from the Kviv region and much of northern Ukraine.

The New York Times contributed.

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Another 15 were directed at an individual's sexual orientation and 8 concerned disability or multiple issues.

Sen. Saud Anwar, a Democrat of South Windsor, said that having a specific unit focused on hate crimes in the state police will heighten awareness and response to the issue.

"We continue to see the terrible trend of hate crimes being reported more frequently, year after year, with more than 100

reported in 2020, according to FBI statistics," Anwar said. "These discriminatory acts cannot be accepted. We must provide state police with necessary resources to investigate and react to these crimes, bringing perpetrators to justice. This is especially pertinent when it comes to criminal activity by extremists and extremist groups. I'm hopeful this legislation will become law this year."

Anwar told his Senate colleagues that he "would hope we would evolve as a society to the point that we would not need a bill like this."

But he added that the legislation is needed "to protect the larger society ... and recognize the changing environment."

The bill requires the creation of a reporting system concerning hate crimes, earmarks time requirements for officers to report crimes to the specialized unit, and directs that the unit's leader should serve on the statewide hate crimes advisory council. Once collected, the data must be analyzed, monitored, and shared regarding hate crimes.

The reporting system has been developed with input from the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, known as POST.

The bill received widespread support from Republicans, including Sen. Dan Champagne, a retired police officer. Sen. Rob Sampson, a Wolcott Republican, was the only lawmaker who voted against the measure.

Sen. Paul Cicarella, a North Haven Republican, said, "It's a step in the right direction."

Before the bill was passed unanimously by the public safety committee, it was opposed by the American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut, over concerns about giving too much power to the police.

"The ACLU-CT remains committed to policy solutions that protect marginalized communities from violence and will work with this committee on policies that truly do that," said policy counsel Jess Zaccagnino. "We cannot, though, support efforts to protect communities that are overpoliced by giving police more inroads into their communities. Likewise, we

do not think that providing more resources into the system of policing that has failed to combat serious crimes against members of these communities is the answer, either."

He added, "Connecticut must stop going back to the current, ineffective paradigm. Senate Bill 217, though, is just another bill to expand the power, resources, and scope of policing, and we must oppose it."

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New horror looms with every step

Ukrainians accuse Russians of planting mines, booby traps

By Cora Engelbrecht The New York Times

In the days after the Russian withdrawal from the outskirts of Kyiv, a driver named Oleg Naumenko opened the trunk of an abandoned car and it exploded, killing him instantly.

The car had been boobytrapped, and his family and local authorities blamed Russian soldiers.

"I died with him in that moment," Naumenko's wife, Valeria, said between sobs.

As ordinary Ukrainians emerge from basements and bunkers into the ruins of their hometowns, many are being confronted with a new horror: thousands of mines and unexploded bombs left behind by retreating Russian troops.

Residents and authorities say that departing Russian soldiers have laced large swaths of the country with buried land mines and $jury\text{-}rigged\ bombs-some$ hidden as booby traps inside homes. The explosives now must be found and neutralized before residents can resume a semblance of normal life.

Some of the explosives have been attached to washing machines, doorways, car windows and other places where they can kill or injure civilians returning to their homes, according to residents and Ukrainian officials. Some were even hidden under hospital stretchers and corpses.

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy this week called his country "one of the most contaminated by mines in the world" and said authorities were working to clear thousands in the areas from which Russian troops had retreated in recent weeks.

He accused Russian soldiers of leaving the explosives in their wake "to kill or maim as many of our people



A spray-painted gate warns residents of the presence of mines April 9 in Bucha, a suburb northwest of Kyiv. DANIEL BEREHULAK/THE NEW YORK TIMES

as possible."

He said that the tactic was a war crime and that Russian soldiers must have been acting on instructions from top officials, adding: "Without the appropriate orders, they would not have done it."

Human Rights Watch and The New York Times have reported that Russian forces in Ukraine appear to be using advanced land mines in the eastern city of Kharkiv. Several local officials have also said that bomb squads in their districts have found explosive devices left behind in

Anti-personnel mines, which are designed to kill people, are banned by an international treaty signed by nearly every country, including Ukraine. Russia and the United States have refused to join.

Ukraine's emergency

services agency has deployed about 550 mine specialists to clear the areas recently occupied by Russian forces. The teams have been working to remove about 6,000 explosives per day, and since the start of Russia's invasion Feb. 24, they have found more than 54,000 explosive devices, the agency reported Tuesday.

"Wherever the occupiers stayed overnight, they would set up tripwires,' Ukraine's interior minister, Denys Monastyrsky, said during a televised interview Sunday. "Explosives have been found under helmets, attached to doors, in the washing machine and in cars."

The placement of explosives in Ukrainian homes could not be independently verified.

Naumenko, who was

killed April 4, worked as a driver in the village of Hoholiv, about 40 miles outside the capital, Kyiv. But his talent lay in repairing cars. After Russian forces retreated from a nearby village, neighbors found an abandoned vehicle and turned it over to him.

His wife learned of his death the next day in Poland, where she had fled with their 7-year-old son and her mother at the start of the war. She returned to their village as soon as she got the news.

"What was left was the car, with the door still open and a pool of blood," Naumenko, 28, said, "and a big emptiness."

Her account was confirmed through photos and by Kyiv regional police, who posted a report about the incident on their Facebook page, cautioning

returning residents to "not touch objects and things that are not previously tested by experts.

Other local officials are urging residents to call emergency services before entering their homes.

Retreating armies often bury land mines in order to slow the advance of enemy troops. But experts say Russian forces have a reputation for booby-trapping areas they have vacated in order to kill and maim returning civilians.

Human Rights Watch has documented Russia's use of anti-personnel mines in more than 30 countries where Moscow's forces were involved, including conflicts in Syria and Libya. In Palmyra, during the Syrian war, booby traps surfaced after Russians vacated the town.

"Leaving behind little

presents for the civilians when they return — like hand grenades, tripwires, unexploded shells, pressure plates — it's in the Russian military tradition to do that," said Mark Hiznay, senior arms researcher at Human Rights Watch. "We've seen it before and we'll see it again."

Hiznay said "putting a land mine in someone's freezer" was a tactic that has no utility other than to terrorize civilians. Ukraine will be dealing with the consequences of land mines 'one civilian leg at a time," he added, saying that it can often take years, and possibly decades, to clear all the ordnance.

"The presence of these devices denies civilians their terrain and forces them to make hard choices: take the sheep out to graze or risk stepping on a mine in the pasture," he said.

Devoted to town

Fialkiewicz was best known as a real estate agent, with a Main Street office where he sold properties, taught others how to sell properties and watched the daily rhythm of Collinsville through his picture window.

In the past, he also was a police dispatcher, Canton selectman, constable, justice of the peace and a member of the parks and recreation commission and the Republican Town Committee.

"We nicknamed him the Godfather of Collinsville. He devoted his life to Collinsville," said his niece, Rachel Frenette-Davidson.

His knowledge of the town's inner workings wasn't the only reason he was beloved. The sofa in his office — or, later in the day, his table at Crown and Hammer — always was occupied by someone who needed advice, support, sympathy or just a few jokes and bits of gossip.

Bessel wrote in his "Cinco de Julius" procla-



A small shrine to beloved patron and community pillar Julius Fialkiewicz sits at the Crown and Hammer in Collinsville. LISA MAURER

mation: "Julius Fialkiewicz completely and utterly refused to close his doors to humor, conversation, ideas and human dignity."

Lisa Maurer, who owns Crown and Hammer, said "Julius *was* the town of Collinsville.

"He was good for giving advice, or to talk through things, when I had business questions. I needed to bounce ideas off of someone and he would always listen," she said.

Stockbridge Truslow posted on social media a few days after his friend's death: "Our town has the 'Collins Company Era' followed by the 'Fialkiewicz Era.' ... What made this his era wasn't so much about the things he did, but it was the people in this town that he called friends."

Deep roots

"If there was one word to describe him, it was improbable. Julius beat the odds in his life," Bessel said.

Fialkiewicz was a native of the town, the son and grandson of men who worked in the Collins Company axe factory before it closed in 1966, the year he turned 16.

As a teen. Fialkiewicz battled cancer three times, Bessel said. "He fell while playing soccer. At first the doctor thought he had a broken leg. But then they realized, there was a lot more going on here."

Fialkiewicz lost his leg. He had an artificial leg and walked with crutches for the rest of his life. Bessel said his misfortune didn't stop him from using his artificial leg to have some fun.

"He used that fake leg of his to great advantage. There are so many stories." Bessel said. "When he was a police dispatcher, a cop came in with a very unruly guy. He could not get the guy to settle down. The cop said, hey, Julius, could you talk to this guy? Julius said yeah, then took a switchblade and jammed it into his wooden leg. The guy didn't know it

was wooden." The obstreperous scofflaw was so stunned he immediately calmed down, Bessel said.

In the early days of COVID, Fialkiewicz survived a frightening battle with the virus.

"He recovered, but we're not sure he recovered 100%," Frenette-Davidson said.

Fialkiewicz devoted

Cinco de Julius is

at Lisa's Crown and

Hammer Restaurant

& Pub. 3 Depot St. in

the Collinsville section of Canton, on May 5 from noon until "when everybody decides to leave," Maurer said. Specials on beer and Espolon tequila will be offered. facebook.com

himself to his real estate business but always carved

out time for socializing. "He always went out to lunch at the Grindstone, before that it was Wilson's, before that it was The Fireplace. Then he became a regular at the Crown and Hammer," Bessel said.

Crown and Hammer

Nikki Milton, the bartender on duty on Cinco de Mayo 2021, said Fialkiewicz "loved everybody and everybody loved him.

"He helped me through a hard personal time in my life," Milton said. "He was always there to help you, to listen, to give you a hug. He would check up on people to make sure they were OK."

In honor of Fialkiewicz, a memorial was installed at the bar, a photo of him and the copper mug he used on Cinco de Mayo.

Maurer said Fialkiewicz's ending his days at the restaurant had one silver lining.

"His niece Rachel hadn't been here often. Now she is a regular customer, and we have become very close with her," she said.

Frenette-Davidson is helping to organize the Cinco de Julius party. She is working on a way to pay homage to her uncle's generosity. "One of his biggest things was always trying to pay it forward. We're trying to come up with something to donate to try to keep that going," she said.

Or as his Courant obituary read, "Help a friend, a stranger, a family member, a charity or even an animal in need. ... Keep his spirit alive by lending someone a helping hand, just as he always

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Easter

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riencing, he said. "In a lot of ways, we've died and shut down and we're just figuring out how to reemerge again. ... We've been in that depression."

Pastor Adam Söderberg, of South Church in Hartford, acknowledged that the number of professing Christians has dropped during the past decade and the pandemic has also taken a toll, but, he said, people frequently first turn to the church during difficult times.

"People often come because of some tragedy, heartbreak or upheaval in their personal lives," he said. "We get a lot of people who are just worn out, tired of life the way it is... if they feel hopeless and are looking for hope, God has that reputation of offering hope," he

Some repeat the saying that if they entered a church

the walls would fall down, Söderberg said. "We meet a lot of people with addiction, convictions and all kinds of behavior in the past ... the message of Easter is you're exactly why he went to the

cross.' The St. Rose of Lima Parish in Meriden resumed in-person services more than a year ago, and over time, especially during Lent, saw more people return, The Rev. James Manship said.

"I hope people are getting back into the swing of things but even more, we're trying to do something different after coming back from COVID — be a community that's listening to each other ... contribute to the common good and rewrite our story," he said.

For those at St. Rose of Lima, Easter represents a time to focus on the pain and suffering, represented by the cross, that the community faces and ways to bring life, Manship said. "We process with a cross.

venerate a cross, to remind

us where to find the crucified one among ourselves, those who are marginalized, left out, victimized by social and economic powers, excluded from our institutions, to be aware of the crucified ones in our midst,"

Willan said that though the coronavirus continues to spread both infections and suffering, some of the joys the pandemic stole have returned, including in-person church services.

"I feel as if people appre-

ciate what they didn't have during 2020 and 2021 and they are returning when they can. I have seen an increase in people in church and ... people are grateful they can reconnect with their faith community again after two years," she said.

"People are saying we appreciate being able to go back to this place that we loved and still love and that is church. And I don't know if that reaches across all faith traditions, but I bet that it

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US coronavirus cases on rise again

Health experts say BA.2 peak won't be as severe as omicron

By Laura Ungar Associated Press

Yet again, the U.S. is trudging into what could be another COVID-19 surge, with cases rising nationally and in most states after a two-month decline.

There is, however, one big unknown.

"We don't know how high that mountain's gonna grow," said Dr. Stuart Campbell Ray, an infectious disease expert at Johns Hopkins University.

No one expects a peak nearly as high as the last one, when the contagious omicron version of the coronavirus ripped through the population.

But experts warn that the coming wave — caused by a mutant called BA.2 that's thought to be about 30% more contagious will wash across the nation. They worry that hospitalizations, which are already ticking up in some parts of the Northeast, will rise in a growing number of states in the coming weeks. And the case wave will be bigger than it looks, they say, because reported numbers are vast undercounts as more people test at home without reporting their infections or skip testing altogether.

At the height of the previous omicron surge, reported daily cases reached into the hundreds of thousands. As of Thursday, the seven-day rolling average for daily new cases rose to 39,521, up from 30,724 two weeks earlier, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins.

Dr. Eric Topol, head of



Shoppers wear masks in February in Philadelphia, which has recently reinstated an indoor mask mandate. MATT ROURKE/AP

Scripps Research Translational Institute, said the numbers will likely keep growing until the surge reaches about a quarter the height of the last "monstrous" one. BA.2 may well have the same effect in the U.S. as it did in Israel, where it created a "bump" in the chart measuring cases, he said.

Keeping the surge somewhat in check, experts said, is a higher level of immunity in the U.S. from vaccination or past infection compared with early winter.

But Ray said the U.S. could wind up looking like Europe, where the BA.2 surge was "substantial" in some places that had comparable levels of immunity. "We could have a substantial surge here," he said

Both experts said BA.2 will move through the country gradually. The Northeast has been hit hardest so far — with more than 90% of new infections caused by BA.2 last week compared with 86% nationally. As of Thursday, the highest rates of new COVID-19 cases per capita over the past 14 days were in Vermont, Rhode Island, Alaska, New York and Massachusetts. In Washington, D.C., which also ranks in the top 10 for rates of new cases, Howard University announced it was

moving most undergraduate classes online for the rest of the semester.

Some states, such as Rhode Island and New Hampshire, saw the average of daily new cases rise by more than 100% in two weeks, according to Johns Hopkins data.

In New Hampshire, the increase in cases comes two weeks after the closure of all 11 state-managed vaccination sites, and the governor is being pressured to change course

Joseph Wendelken, spokesperson for the Rhode Island Department of Health, said the metric they are most focused on right now is hospitalizations, which remain relatively low. About 55 COVID-19 patients are hospitalized, compared with more than 600 at one point in the pandemic.

Officials credit high vaccination rates. State statistics show 99% of Rhode Island adults are at least partially vaccinated and 48% have gotten the booster dose that scientists say is key in protecting against severe illness with omicron.

Vermont also has relatively high levels of vaccination and fewer patients in the hospital than during the height of the first omicron wave. But Dr. Mark Levine, the health commissioner

there, said hospitalizations and the numbers of patients in intensive care units are both up slightly, although deaths have not risen.

Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that new hospital admissions of patients with confirmed COVID-19 were up slightly in New England and the New York region.

On the West Coast, modelers from Oregon Health & Science University are projecting a slight increase in hospitalizations over the next two months in that state, where cases have also risen steeply.

As the wave moves across the country, experts said states with low rates of vaccination may face substantially more infections and severe cases that wind up in the hospital.

Ray said government leaders must be careful to strike the right tone when talking to people about protecting themselves and others after COVID-19 restrictions have largely been lifted. Philadelphia recently became the first major U.S. city to reinstate its indoor mask mandate after a sharp increase in infections. But Vermont's Levine said there are no plans to bring back any of the restrictions that were imposed earlier during the pandemic.

"It's going to be hard to institute restrictive, draconian measures," Ray said. "Fortunately, we have some tools that we can use to mitigate risk. And so I hope that leaders will emphasize the importance for people to watch the numbers," be aware of risks and consider taking precautions such as wearing masks and getting vaccinated and boosted if they're not already.

Palestinians and Israeli police clash at holy site

Unrest, tensions already high amid recent violence

By Joseph Krauss Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Palestinians and Israeli police clashed at the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem on Friday as thousands gathered for prayers during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. Medics said more than 150 Palestinians were wounded — Palestinians threw rocks, and Israeli police fired stun grenades in what was the most serious violence at the site in nearly

The holy site, which is sacred to Jews and Muslims, has often been the epicenter of Israeli-Palestinian unrest, and tensions were already heightened amid a recent wave of violence. Clashes at the site last year helped spark an 11-day war with Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip.

The clashes come at a particularly sensitive time. Ramadan this year coincides with Passover, a major weeklong Jewish holiday beginning Friday at sundown, and Christian holy week, which culminates on Easter. The holidays are expected

to bring tens of thousands of faithful into Jerusalem's Old City, home to major sites sacred to all three religions.

Hours after the clashes began, the police said they had put an end to the violence and arrested "hundreds" of suspects. The mosque was reopened, and some 60,000 people attended the main Friday prayers midday, according to the Waqf, the Islamic endowment that administers the site.

After prayers, thousands of Palestinians marched around the esplanade, chanting "with our souls, with our blood, we sacrifice for you, Al-Aqsa," in addition to slogans in support of Hamas, the Islamic militant group that rules Gaza.

Less than a mile away, thousands of Christians marched in a procession retracing the traditional journey of Jesus to the cross in honor of Good Friday. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was open to visitors, who are returning to the Holy Land in large numbers for the first time since before the pandemic. The violence was confined to the mosque compound.

Israeli authorities said that before the unrest broke out they had negotiated with Muslim leaders to try to ensure calm. But the police say Palestinians stockpiled rocks and other objects inside the compound and hurled stones at the Mughrabi Gate, which leads to the Western Wall a major Jewish holy site triggering the violence

triggering the violence.
Palestinian witnesses, who spoke on condition of anonymity out of security concerns, said a small group of Palestinians threw rocks at police, who then entered the compound in force, setting off a wider confrontation. Palestinians view any large deployment of police at Al-Aqsa as a provocation.

Palestinians threw rocks and fireworks, and police fired tear gas and stun grenades on the sprawling esplanade surrounding the mosque. Dozens of Palestinians barricaded themselves inside the mosque as they fought Israeli security forces.

Israeli police later entered the mosque and arrested people inside. The police rarely enter the building, which is seen by Palestinians as an escalation.

The Palestinian Red Crescent emergency service said it treated 152 people, many of them wounded by rubber-coated bullets or stungrenades.

Video footage showed



Masked Palestinians take their positions during a clash with Israeli security forces Friday at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem's Old City. MAHMOUD ILLEAN/AP

police beating a photographer for the Waqf with batons before knocking him to ground and kicking him. The Waqf said the photographer, Rami Khatib, suffered a broken hand.

The Israeli police said three officers were wounded from "massive stone-throwing," with two evacuated for treatment.

Neighboring Jordan, which has custodianship over the holy site, and the Palestinian Authority issued a joint statement accusing Israel of "a dangerous and condemnable escalation that threatens to explode the situation." Egypt also condemned the "Israeli raid."

Israel's public security minister, Omer Barlev, who oversees the police force, said Israel had "no interest" in violence at the holy site known to Jews as the Temple Mount but that police were forced to confront "violent elements" who attacked them with stones and metal bars. He said Israel was committed to freedom of worship for Jews and Muslims alike.

Israeli Prime Minister

Naftali Bennett said authorities "are working to calm things on the Temple Mount and throughout Israel. At the same time, we are prepared for any scenario."

The mosque is the third holiest site in Islam. It is built on a hilltop in Jerusalem's Old City that is the most sacred site for Jews because it was the site of the Jewish temples in antiquity. It has been a major flashpoint for Israeli-Palestinian violence for decades and was the epicenter of the 2000-05 Palestinian intifada, or uprising.



President Joe Biden appears with first lady Jill Biden and the Easter Bunny on April 5 at the White House. **EVAN VUCCI/AP**

White House Easter Egg Roll makes comeback

By Darlene Superville Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House hopes to stir up some "egg-citement" when the Easter Egg Roll returns on Monday after a two-year, coronavirus-induced hiatus.

President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden expect to welcome some 30,000 kids and their adult chaperones for the egg roll, an egg hunt and other activities

and other activities.

The first lady, who is

also a teacher, has named it the "Egg-ucation Roll," the White House said, and is turning the South Lawn into a school community with a variety of educational stations.

It's the first Easter Egg Roll to be hosted by the Bidens, who are expected to address the crowd and join in some of the fun, although rain was in Monday's weather forecast.

The pandemic led the White House to cancel the event in 2020 and 2021.

Besides the egg roll and hunt, the all-day event will include a schoolhouse activity area, a reading nook, a talent show, a place to teach children about farming, a photo-taking station, a physical "egg-ucation" zone with an obstacle course and other exercise stations, and a "cafetorium" where children and their families will

learn to make treats.

The "egg-stravaganza" will get a celebrity splash through the participation of "Tonight Show" host

Jimmy Fallon, singer Ciara and actor-singer Kristin Chenoweth.

Military families will be among the 30,000 participants, including crew members of the USS Delaware and their families. The first lady serves as sponsor of the nuclear attack submarine, which the president commissioned during a ceremony this month in Wilmington, Delaware.

Members of the general public received tickets through an online lottery.

WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

Bidens paid 24.6% taxes on \$610K earnings for 2021, returns show

From news services

President Joe Biden and his wife, Jill, earned \$610,702 during their first year in the White House and paid \$150,439 in federal income taxes. That was a tax rate of 24.6% for 2021, well over the average of around 14% for all Americans.

The totals were similar to the Bidens' 2020 returns, when they reported earning \$607,336 as he ran for president. They reported a federal income tax rate of 25.9% then.

The national median household income was \$67,521 in 2020, according to U.S. Census data.

It's the second straight year Biden has released his tax returns from the White House, reestablishing a tradition that presidents make their filings public after President Donald Trump declined to do so.

Both this year and last were steep drops from 2019 for the Bidens, when they earned nearly \$1 million, primarily from book sales, speeches and their teaching positions at the University of Pennsylvania and North-ern Virginia Community College.

Jill Biden still teaches in Virginia while serving as first lady. The returns show Biden earning \$378,333 as president – his \$400,000 annual salary minus the time before noon on Inauguration Day on Jan. 20. 2021 — and his wife receiving \$67,116 for her teaching.

The couple gave \$17,394 to 10 different charities in 2021. The largest gift was \$5,000 to the Beau Biden Foundation, a nonprofit that works to combat child abuse named for their son, Beau, who died of brain cancer in 2015 at age 46.

The Bidens also released their 2021 Delaware income tax return and reported

paying \$30,765 in state income tax there. The first lady released a Virginia return showing she paid \$2,721 in Virginia state income tax.

Vice President Kamala Harris and her husband, Doug Emhoff, released their 2021 tax filings, which showed them earning \$1,655,563 in 2021 and paying \$523,371 — a federal income tax rate of 31.6%. Harris and Emhoff also paid \$120,517 in California income tax and \$2,044 in New York income tax.

The second gentleman, who teaches at Georgetown Law School, paid \$54,441 in District of Columbia income tax, and the couple contributed \$22,100 to charity in 2021.

Miller interview: Lawmakers pressed Stephen Miller, a top aide to former President Donald Trump, during a daylong closed-door interview about Trump's speech at a rally that preceded the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the Capitol, according to two people familiar with Miller's testimony.

Miller was questioned for eight hours Thursday by the House committee investigating the riot, which occurred when large crowds of Trump supporters stormed the building in hopes of preventing Congress from certifying the results of the 2020 presidential election won by Democrat Joe Biden.

Miller's appearance grew contentious at times, particularly as he pushed back against claims that Trump's speech contained incendiary, coded language that had spurred his supporters to act, according to two people familiar with the questioning. They spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the back-and-forth during the closed interview.



People use water guns to spray liquid at passengers of a pickup truck during Khmer New Year celebrations Friday in Siem Reap Province. Cambodians started celebrating the new year holiday, usually marked by three days of festivities, on Thursday after the country called off the celebration for the last two years because of the COVID-19 pandemic. TANG CHHIN SOTHY/GETTY-AFP

Miller rejected the significance of Trump's language, the people said, arguing that personal rhetoric like that has been used in American politics going back to the Declaration of Independence and the Gettysburg

SC execution: A South Carolina prisoner scheduled to be the first man executed in the state in more than a decade has decided to die by firing squad rather than in the electric chair later this month, according to court documents filed Friday.

Richard Bernard Moore, 57, is the also first state prisoner to face the choice of execution methods after a law went into effect last year making electrocution the default and giving inmates the option to face three prison workers with rifles instead.

Moore has spent more than two decades on death row after being convicted of the 1999 killing of convenience store clerk James Mahoney in Spartanburg. If executed as scheduled on April 29, he would be the first person put to death in the state since 2011.

The new law was prompted by the decade-long break, which corrections officials attribute to an inability to procure the drugs needed to carry out lethal injections.

Moore's attorneys have asked the state Supreme Court to delay his death while another court determines if either available method is cruel and unusual punishment.

Sheridan dies: Liz Sheridan, who played doting mom to Jerry Seinfeld on his hit sitcom, died early Friday. She was 93.

Sheridan died in her sleep from natural causes, five days after her April 10 birthday, said Amanda Hendon, her longtime representative and friend.

Her "Seinfeld" role as Helen was her best known but followed decades of work on stage and screen. In the 1970s, Sheridan appeared on Broadway in plays and musicals, the latter including "Happy End" with Meryl Streep and "Ballroom."

"She was always very grateful to her fans and felt blessed to have enjoyed decades of work in the entertainment business," including performing in her one-woman show, "Mrs. Seinfeld Sings," Hendon said in a statement.

Cameroon makes list: The Homeland Security Department said Friday it will temporarily shield people from deportation back to Cameroon, saying extreme violence between government forces and armed separatists in the African nation made it unsafe for them to return.

The department also cited increasing attacks by the Boko Haram extremist group as grounds for giving Cameroonians an 18-month reprieve from deportation if they were in the United States on Thursday. They

may apply for work permits. Homeland Security estimates 11,700 Cameroonians may be eligible.

Syria base explosion: The U.S. military says explosions earlier this month on a base in eastern Syria that injured several U.S. service members were not, as it originally reported, caused by artillery or another form of indirect fire.

Instead, it is now believed the April 7 attack was carried out by the "deliberate placement of explosive charges" by one or more individuals at an ammunition holding area and shower facility on the base, according to a statement issued Thursday by the Operation Inherent Resolve command that oversees U.S. military operations against the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq.

The statement said the incident is under investigation but provided no other



NYC subway train conductor Raven Haynes, speaking, and fellow transit workers were honored Friday by Mayor Eric Adams for their response to the shooting, MICHELLE PRICE/AP

After the bullets flew, NYC subway workers kept calm

By Michelle L. Price Associated Press

NEW YORK - When smoke bombs and bullets were unleashed on a subway full of morning commuters as it crawled toward a stop in Brooklyn, the train's driver, David Artis, couldn't hear the shots.

His first indication something was wrong was when passengers crowded near the door to his operator's compartment to report chaos, one car back.

Artis said after a moment of shock, his thoughts quickly shifted from, "Oh my God!" to concern for his passengers. He leaned on his emergency training.

"Then it kicked in. Get them out," he said Friday after he and fellow transit workers were honored by the mayor for their response

to Tuesday's shooting.
In a few minutes of lightning-quick decisions, Artis and train conductor Raven Havnes radioed in the attack, threw open the train doors and evacuated all of the passengers to another train on the same platform, then began getting aid to the wounded.

Photos and video taken

by passengers captured the pair calmly but authoritatively herding stunned commuters onto the other train, which sped away.

"This week New York City showed the entire globe what our city has always been about, courage, heroism, quick thinking and decisive action," Mayor Eric Adams said.

Adams, who appeared at the City Hall ceremony virtually because he is isolating after having tested positive for COVID-19, had the workers presented Friday with proclamations to honor them for their heroism.

The ceremony came a day after the man authorities say was responsible for the carnage, Frank James, made an initial court appearance in a federal courthouse where he was ordered jailed without bail.

Prosecutors say he dressed as a construction worker and set off smoke grenades, then pulled a handgun and fired 33 times, reloading once before his gun jammed.

The subway workers said that amid the chaos, they didn't see the gunman in the crowd and were just focused on getting people

Haynes, the conductor, said she didn't feel any fear, having worked at an airport before joining the Metropolitan Transportation Authority several years ago and was already used to reacting to unpredictable situations.

"I can't stress enough the importance of having a stoic attitude in a moment of chaos. You having a calm demeanor helps your passengers become calm. which helps them get out as safely and quickly as possible," she said.

The shooting victims ranged in age from 16 to 60. They are all expected to survive.

Artis said that when he checked the subway car to ensure it was empty, he found blood on the floor, luggage the gunman left behind and bullet casings, which he said he reported to the transit operators so police could be called.

Investigators said James slipped away on the rescue train with the other passengers, exiting one station down having ditched his construction worker outfit and helmet.

Ukraine war weighs heavy on pope's Good Friday ritual

By Frances D'emilio Associated Press

ROME - The war in Ukraine loomed over the traditional Good Friday Colosseum procession in Rome, after the Vatican's choice of a Russian woman to be among the cross-bearers angered Ukrainians.

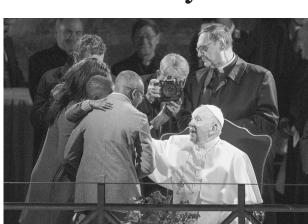
For the first time since before the pandemic, the solemn torchlit procession at the ancient arena in Rome resumed on Friday night. Thousands of pilgrims and tourists flocked to the site hours earlier, in hope of catching a glimpse of Pope Francis, who presides over the service from an elevated point near the Roman

Forum. Earlier this week, Ukraine's ambassador to the Holy See and the archbishop of Kyiv denounced the Vatican's plan to have a Ukrainian woman and a Russian woman carry the cross together during the procession. They objected to projecting what they saw as the idea of reconciliation while Ukraine is ravaged by war unleashed by Russia.

The Vatican didn't respond to the protests or announce any program changes.

While Francis has denounced the Feb. 24 invasion and attacks on Ukraine as a "sacrilege," he has refrained from naming Russia as the aggressor, although his references to Russian leader Vladimir Putin have been clear. The pope is pressing for negotiations to cease the fighting and bring peace, and has offered to go to Ukraine if his presence could further the cause of peace.

But other faithful in the world applauded the decision to pair the two women, who work together at a Rome hospital and are friends, to carry the cross during part of the procession, which recalls Jesus' suffering as he was being brought to his crucifixion



Pope Francis greets the faithful as he presides over the Way of the Cross torchlight procession on Good Friday in front of Rome's Colosseum. ALESSANDRA TARANTINO/AP

and death.

In Paris, hundreds of Catholics gathered for Good Friday prayers on the forecourt of Notre Dame cathedral, and followed its rector on a procession around the island on the Seine River that houses the medieval landmark.

'Well, you know today the pope has a woman from Ukraine and a woman from Russia holding the cross together at one of the Stations of the Cross," Jennifer Kilgore-Caradec said at Notre Dame. She called that a "very moving and meaningful symbol."

She added, "I think that real people in the real world are concerned about peace. We want peace, we don't want war," which brings suffering and pain. That is "not the message of the Christ on the cross."

The faithful were not allowed inside the Paris cathedral, still under reconstruction after a 2019 blaze collapsed its spire and destroyed its roof. French President Emmanuel Macron visited the cathedral Friday to mark the

third anniversary of the fire. In St. Peter's Basilica, hours ahead of the Colosseum event, Pope Francis, wearing red vestments to symbolize the blood of Jesus, limped up the central aisle to take his place for

an early evening prayer

service. Francis, 85, has

been suffering from a knee ligament problem. Usually at the Good

Friday basilica service at the Vatican, the pontiff would prostrate himself in prayer. But this time Francis, hobbled by pain for weeks, didn't do so.

Francis dispatched his official almsgiver, Polish Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, to Kyiv to lead a Good Friday procession in the capital city of war-ravaged Ukraine. Italian Rai state TV said Krajewski on Friday visited two of Ukraine's hardest-hit locations, Bucha and Borodyanka, both in ruins. At one point, Krajewski prayed over some of the bodies.

Francis has repeatedly denounced armaments accumulated by nations as unjustified. In an interview broadcast on Italian state TV on Friday, the pope elaborated on his view. "I understand those

governments that buy arms, I understand them. I do not justify them, but I understand them because we have to defend ourselves," Francis said.

"If there were a pattern of peace, this would not be necessary. But we live with this diabolical pattern of killing one another out of the desire for power, the desire for security, the desire for many things."

Psaki rumors, Mulvaney hire trouble journalists

Cases may be different, but CBS' move, MSNBC's reported talks raise concerns

By David Bauder

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The hiring of non-journalists as contributors to television news organizations isn't new. Far less common is seeing pushback to such decisions from journalists working there, as has happened recently at CBS and NBC News.

Discontent emerged over CBS' hiring of former Trump administration official Mick Mulvaney as a commentator and discussions about White House press secretary Jen Psaki working at MSNBC when her time in the Biden administration is through.

In both cases, journalists have been quiet publicly about their concerns over the decisions. Because of concern about Psaki which has raised ethical issues for the press secretary - NBC News President Noah Oppenheim was compelled to address the discussions in a phone meeting with Washington-based staff, first reported by CNN.

While both cases are different, the fact that these internal complaints surfaced illustrates some of the pressures many journalists feel under, said Mark Whitaker, a former executive at NBC News, CNN and Newsweek. They already work in a hyper-partisan time and face accusations of promoting "fake news," he said.

Neither MSNBC nor Psaki have confirmed their talks about a role there.

NBC News has taken pains to draw distinctions between its journalists and MSNBC, which has beefed up its opinion programming, although journalists like Andrea Mitchell and Chuck Todd both have shows on the cable network.

NBC White House correspondent Kristen Welker asked Psaki about her status at a recent White House briefing, saying, "Is it ethical for you to keep conducting this job while negotiating with a media outlet?" Without confirming or denying those

talks, Psaki said she had already gone "over and above" stringent ethical requirements.

CBS News said Mulvaney's signing was part of the network's buildup in advance of the 2022 midterm and 2024 presidential elections. The news division's co-president, Neeraj Khemlani, said in a staff meeting prior to the announcement that CBS is making sure it hires contributors that ensure the network has access to officials in both parties with a midterm election looming, according to a tape provided to The Washington Post.

A former congressman, Mulvaney served President Trump as chief of staff, as well as director of the Office of Management and

CBS has had other like-minded outsiders as contributors, such as former Trump chief of staff Reince Priebus.

Mulvaney, however, drew criticism for lying when he admitted Trump had withheld aid to Ukraine to pressure the country into investigating political opponents, then later suggesting he hadn't said that. In the early days of the coronavirus, he said the media was hyping the virus as a way to bring down Trump.

"Even in opinion journalism, a respect for facts is essential," said Geneva Overholser, a consultant who's worked at the University of Missouri and USC Annenberg journalism schools.



expensive for the bidder. Even if it discourages his takeover attempt, Musk could still take over the company by waging a "proxy fight" in which shareholders vote to retain or dismiss the company's current directors. Twitter said the plan doesn't prevent the board from engaging with parties or accepting an acquisition proposal if it's in the company's best

tion by making any acquisition prohibitively

Twitter sets

'poison pill' defense to

stop Musk

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Twitter said Friday

By Matt O'Brien

Associated Press

"They're gearing up for a battle here with Musk," said Daniel Ives, an analyst for Wedbush Securities. "They also have to give themselves time to try to find another potential buver."

Twitter revealed in a securities filing Thursday that Musk offered to buy the company outright for more than \$43 billion.

Shipping limits

during the spring planting season.

draw complaints

OMAHA, Neb. - A major fertilizer company says the limits Union Pacific is putting on rail traffic to clear up congestion will delay shipments that farmers need

CF Industries said Thursday the railroad ordered it to cut its shipments nearly 20%.

Union Pacific has said it is limiting rail traffic and hiring aggressively as part of a plan to improve service after grain and ethanol shippers complained about shortcomings. Federal regulators have announced plans

to hold a hearing later this month about the

service problems along Union Pacific and

other major U.S. railroads that have forced some grain mills and ethanol plants to curtail

BUSINESS BRIEFING



Sherry Williams, executive director of One Treasure Island, a San Francisco nonprofit, where thieves made off with \$650,000. ERIC RISBERG/AP

These scams mean business

Email ripoffs have been costliest type of cybercrime in the US for years, FBI says

By Alan Suderman Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. - It's a crime that siphons untold billions from the economy but many people have never heard of it.

Business Email Compromise scams involve criminals hacking into email accounts, pretending to be someone they're not and fooling victims into sending money where it doesn't belong.

Although they get far less attention than the massive ransomware attacks that have triggered a powerful government response, BEC scams have been by far the costliest type of cybercrime in the U.S. for years, according to the FBI.

The huge payoffs and low risks associated with BEC scams have attracted criminals worldwide.

Almost every enterprise is vulnerable to BEC scams, from Fortune 500 companies to small towns. Even the U.S. State Department got duped into sending BEC scammers more than \$200,000 in grant funds meant to help Tunisian farmers, court records show.

"The scammers are extremely well orga-

nized and law enforcement is not," said Sherry Williams, a director of a San Francisco nonprofit that recently fell victim to a BEC scam.

Losses in the U.S. due to BEC scams in 2021 were nearly \$2.4 billion, according to a new report by the FBI. That's a 33% increase from 2020 and more than a tenfold increase from just seven years ago.

And experts say many victims never come forward and the FBI's numbers only show a small fraction of just how much

money is stolen each year. BEC scammers use a variety of techniques to hack into legitimate business email accounts and trick employees to send wire payments or make purchases they shouldn't. Targeted phishing emails are a common type of attack, but experts say the scammers have been quick to adopt new technologies, like "deep fake" audio generated by artificial intelligence to pretend to be executives at a company and fool subordinates into sending money.

In the case of Williams, the San Francisco nonprofit director, thieves hacked the email account of the nonprofit's bookkeeper, then inserted themselves into a long email thread, sent messages asking to change the wire payment instructions for a grant recipient, and made off with \$650,000.

After she discovered what happened, Williams said, her calls to law enforcement went nowhere.

The FBI told her the local U.S. attorney's office won't take her case. Williams asked her U.S. senators for help and later learned the Secret Service was investigating, but she said it hasn't given her any updates.

Crane Hassold, an expert on BEC scams and former cyber analyst with the FBI, has heard of federal prosecutors declining to take BEC cases unless several million dollars were stolen, a minimum threshold

that speaks to how big the problem is. For years both BEC scams and ransomware attacks were treated largely as a law enforcement problem. That's still true for BEC attacks, but ransomware is now a key national security concern after a series of disruptive attacks on critical infrastructure like the one last year against the biggest fuels pipeline in the U.S. that led to gas shortages along the East Coast.

The National Security Agency's hackers have taken action to disrupt ransomware operators' networks. The Justice Department set up a special ransomware task force to better organize the law enforcement response. And U.S. President Joe Biden has pressed the issue directly with President Vladimir Putin of Russia, where many ransomware operators are located.

Nothing close to those efforts has been deployed against BEC fraud despite the huge financial losses.

production while waiting on trains and left farmers without a place to sell their crops. Weed sales OK'd

for Garden State

TRENTON, N.J. - Recreational marijuana sales in New Jersey for those 21 and older will begin April 21, Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy said Thursday.

The news came just three days after state regulators greenlighted permits for seven facilities, which already sell medical cannabis, to begin retailing recreational marijuana. It's also about a year after the state's regulatory commission started operating, and a year and a half after voters overwhelmingly approved a ballot question to allow recreational marijuana for people 21 and older.

New Jersey and 17 others states, along with the District of Columbia, have legalized recreational marijuana. Thirty-seven states, including New Jersey, have legalized medical marijuana.

Rose posts his first interview since firings

By David Bauder Associated Press

NEW YORK - Charlie Rose, whose career as a journalist imploded in 2017 due to sexual misconduct allegations, emerged Thursday by posting online a lengthy interview he conducted with investor Warren

Rose said in a message on his website that he was proud to have the recent conversation with Buffett. The 80-year-old journalist said it was the first interview he had conducted in more than four years.

"It's great to see you," Rose told Buffett, the 91-year-old chief of Berkshire Hatha-

way and one of the richest men in the world. "It's great to see you," Buffett answered. Their talk lasted 75 minutes and focused solely on Buffett. Rose's experiences were not discussed.

Rose's television talk show, which had aired on PBS since 1991, ended abruptly in November 2017 after The Washington Post published a story in which several women who had worked with him alleged a pattern of sexual misconduct that included groping and walking naked in front of them.

He called one 21-year-old staffer to tell her his fantasies of seeing her swim in the nude, the Post said in its investigation, published at the height of the #MeToo movement.

Rose apologized for his actions, but it didn't save his job. He was also fired from "CBS This Morning," which he had co-hosted with Gayle King since 2012. On his website, Rose called the Buffett interview "a step in a journey to engage the most interesting people and explore the

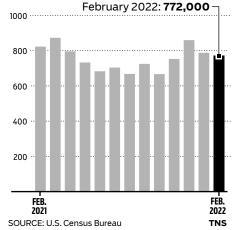
most compelling ideas in the world.' In the interview, the two men talked about Buffett's career, which began when he bought stocks for \$114.75 in 1942, when he was 11 years old.

Buffett talked about his company's annual meeting, on April 30, where he planned to talk to and answer questions from thousands of his investors.

Asked how time has changed him, Buffett said, "I've gotten dumber, but I've gotten wiser." He can't add numbers as quickly and sometimes forgets names. But allocating capital, he said, "I can do ... as well as ever."

New residential sales

New houses sold, seasonally adjusted, scale in thousands



Protective med gear efforts fall flat

Many US producers have scaled back, shut down or quit

By David A. Lieb Associated Press

UNIVERSITY CITY, Mo. — When the coronavirus pandemic first hit the U.S., sales of window coverings at Halcyon Shades quickly went dark. So the suburban St. Louis business did what hundreds of other small manufacturers did: It pivoted to make protective

\$870,000 government grant. But things haven't worked out as planned. The company quit making face shields because it wasn't profitable. It still hasn't sold a single N95 mask because of struggles to get equipment, materials and regulatory approval.

supplies, with help from an

"So far, it has been a net drain of funds and resources and energy," Halcyon Shades owner Jim Schmersahl said.

Many companies that began producing personal protective equipment with patriotic optimism have scaled back, shut down or given up, according to an Associated Press analysis based on numerous interviews with manufacturers. Some already have sold equipment they bought with state government grants.

As COVID-19 was stressing hospitals and shuttering businesses in 2020, elected officials touted the need to boost U.S. production of protective gear: "All this stuff should be made in the United States and not in China," Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said in remarks echoed by others.

Yet many manufacturers who answered the call have faced logistical hurdles, regulatory rejections, slumping demand and fierce competition from foreign suppliers. On April 1, Florida-based American Surgical Mask Co. became one of



Jim Schmersahl, owner of Halcyon Shades, poses last month with material used in making N-95 masks. **JEFF ROBERSON/AP**

the latest to close.

"I'm just done with the fight," CEO Matt Brandman told the AP.

After the scramble for PPE subsided, many industry newcomers faced difficulty selling products. Government agencies sometimes wanted huge quantities at tough-to-meet deadlines. Hospital systems tended to contract with established suppliers. Retail sales waned after every virus surge.

"At the end of the day, when everybody said they wanted American-made, nobody's buying, not even the state," said Tony Blogumas, vice president of Green Resources Consulting, a rural Missouri firm that received an \$800,000 state grant but has sold only a few thousand masks. "We're kind of upset about the whole situation."

Missouri Gov. Mike Parson also is disappointed. His administration divided \$20 million in federal COVID-19 relief funds among 48 businesses for the production of masks, gowns, sanitizer and other supplies. Parson hoped to seed a permanent field of manufacturers.

"I'm still a firm believer in that — that we need to be making PPE here in this state," Parson said. "Unfortunately, a lot of entities went right back to where they were getting it before."

The onset of the pandemic revealed that the U.S. was highly dependent on foreign countries for protective gear. When China limited exports because of its own battle against COVID-19, U.S. stockpiles plummeted. Prices skyrocketed as federal officials, governors and health care systems competed for supplies.

Though federal stockpiles have been replenished, shriveling domestic production has raised concerns that state governments and medical facilities could again get stuck scrambling for gear ina future pandemic. The AP identified more than \$125 million in grants to spur production of pandemic supplies made to over 300 business in 10 states — Alabama, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York and Ohio.

In November 2020, Alabama awarded one of the single largest grants — nearly \$10.6 million from federal pandemic relief funds — to HomTex Inc. The company was to equip a new Selma facility to make 250 million surgical masks and 45 million N95 masks annually. The plant returned \$1.8 million of the state grant and has yet to make anything due to a lack of customers.

"I can't produce product that I can't sell," HomTex President Jeremy Wootten said.

Other companies also had trouble living up to political hype.

În October 2020, New York announced eight grants that then-Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul, now the governor, said were "a model for how we build back better for the post-pandemic future." Those included \$800,000 for newly formed Altor Safety and \$1 million for startup firm NYPPE.

But NYPPE's equipment wasn't ready until February 2021, by which time the market had changed, President Connor Knapp said.

So Knapp tapped the brakes on his plans. NYPPE still hasn't sold any N95 masks because it lacks regulatory approval. It just recently scaled up production of surgical masks, after obtaining a U.S. Food and Drug Administration certification that came with its purchase of Altor Safety.

Some PPE manufacturers point to federal regulations as part of the reason for their struggles. Three-ply masks need FDA approval to be marketed for medical use—an important designation for building a long-term customer base.

That process can be time-consuming. Facing delays, Angstrom Manufacturing in Missouri ended up buying another business that already had FDA approval, President Chris Carron said. By then, it was fall 2021 — a year after it received a state grant.

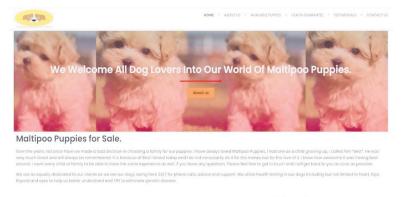
Companies need approval from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to market products as N95 respirators, which filter at least 95% of airborne particles.

In the first two years of the pandemic, NIOSH approved 30 new manufacturers — more than seven times the typical number in a similar pre-pandemic period, according to agency data. Some applications remain pending, while numerous others were denied.

Infrastructure legislation signed by President Joe Biden took a step toward bolstering domestic suppliers. Effective in February, it required new contracts for PPE purchased by the departments of Health and Human Services, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs to run for at least two years and be awarded to U.S. producers — unless there's not sufficient quantity and quality at market prices.

The health and veterans departments said they haven't bought anything yet. Homeland Security hasn't answered the AP's questions. Documents show the government solicited bids due Dec. 6 for up to 381 million U.S.-made surgical masks over three years for its stockpile. No deal has been announced.

Other documents show the government is looking to contract with three major suppliers — 3M, Moldex, and Owens & Minor — for a total of \$115 million in U.S-made N95 masks over three years. A justification document says noncompetitive contracts are necessary to preserve capacity for future emergencies.





UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In a first, tech giant Google targets puppy fraud in court

By Livia Albeck-Ripka The New York Times

In a first for the tech giant, Google filed a consumer protection lawsuit to shield the vulnerable and unsuspecting from what it called a "nefarious" scheme: the sale of adorable, but imaginary,

The lawsuit, filed Monday in U.S. District Court in San Jose, California, claims that Nche Noel Ntse, a Cameroon man, defrauded would-be puppy buyers using a range of Google services, including Gmail accounts, Google Voice numbers and advertisements.

Ntse lured his victims with "adorable" and "alluring" photographs of purebred puppies, together with "compelling testimonials from supposedly satisfied customers" that exploited the high demand for puppies in the United States during the coronavirus pandemic, according to court documents.

Google says it spent more than \$75,000 to "investigate and remediate" Ntse's activities and is suing him for financial damages, citing harm to the company's relationship with its users and damage to its reputation.
"It seems like a particu-

"It seems like a particularly egregious abuse of our products," Michael Trinh, a lawyer for Google, said Monday.

The company says it prevents 100 million harmful emails from reaching users daily, but Trinh said he hoped the suit would go further, making an example of Ntse. Google decided not to pursue criminal charges in the case because it believed civil litigation would be a faster remedy, Trinh added. "It's an ongoing fight."

The case is Google's first consumer protection lawsuit, said Jose Castaneda, a spokesperson for the company. He added that based on the sprawling network of sites run by Ntse, Google estimated that the victims lost more than \$1 million in total.

Google's legal action comes after the pandemic caused a surge in demand for pets, as well as an increase in schemes capitalizing off that desire.

Last year, consumers reported losing more than \$5.8 billion to fraud, an increase of more than 70% from 2020, according to data from the Federal

Trade Commission. Online shopping scams in particular skyrocketed during the pandemic, according to the Better Business Bureau. The group estimates that in 2021, pet-related fraud accounted for 35% of such reports.

Google first became aware of Ntse's activities around September 2021 after receiving a report of abuse from AARP, an advocacy group for older Americans.

According to the report, a person living in South Carolina seeking a dog contacted Ntse by email after visiting a website he operated, now defunct. After corresponding with Ntse by email and text, the person later sent him \$700 in electronic gift cards, the report said, adding, "Victim 1 never received the puppy."

Ntse ran other websites, including one that purported to sell marijuana and prescription opiate cough syrup, the lawsuit says.

Scammers, often outside the United States, post photos and videos of puppies at low prices and request upfront online payments and sometimes additional invented costs.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Three things about Will's April 4 op-ed

1) George Will's arguments for downplaying reaction to Ginni Thomas' texts as a "kerfuffle over appearances" is spurious at best. He argues "The guy in the stadium upper deck yelling 'Roll Tide!' " is the same as Thomas' exhortations to the White House. However, the Alabama fan isn't communicating directly with coach Nick Saban, as Thomas is with the White House.

2) Would Thomas ever be able to communicate directly with the White House if she wasn't the spouse of a Supreme Court justice?

3) Justice Clarence Thomas not recusing himself is not a matter of "appearances," as Mr. Will writes. It is a direct conflict of interest. His wife's texts were part of the archived material upon which SCOTUS was deliberating whether it should be released or not. Justice Thomas is not exhibiting his "starchy independence," but his corruption.

Patrick A. Farley, West Hartford

Why is there no Wolf Pack coverage?

I'm curious why the Courant provides no coverage of the Hartford Wolf Pack Hockey team? They are one of three professional sports teams in Hartford, yet I can find no AHL standings, reporting of games or feature articles on the team.

Peter Murphy, Burlington

Vote Gov. Lamont out of office

Gov. Ned Lamont has exposed his hand to Connecticut by forgoing the gas tax until June 30. By "relieving consumers" he has actually told us that Connecticut has been overtaxing its residents for years. With state coffers overflowing with surplus money and it being an election year, Lamont figures it's a perfect time to bribe, I mean, provide, residents with savings for a couple of months. See this for what it is Connecticut and vote this charlatan out of office.

nd vote this charlatan out of office **David DeCarli, Wethersfield**

There is much more to Planned Parenthood

In response to Theresa Parla's letter (April 2), I and many other people do not consider abortion to be murder. Also, Planned Parenthood is much more than an abortion provider. It helps many women with other medical issues, especially those who have no insurance or need medical care. It is good that her mother chose to have her. This was her choice. Do not take away the choice of another woman who might want an abortion for various reasons. It all comes down to choice for each individual and I am an advocate of pro-choice.

o-choice. **Eileen Longhi, Granby**

Courant leaves out important news

On March 29 The Courant published a letter from a man who said that the paper was leaning too far right, politically. That got my attention. I am not criticizing the writer. But I am criticizing the Courant. The Courant's solidleft position is shown by what it chooses not to tell its readers. It reports nearly nothing about the tragic developments happening every week on our southern border. Among other awful things, Fentanyl-caused deaths are now high, and much of that deadly poison comes through the border. It reports nothing on the Hunter Biden laptop story and Twitter's suppression of the New York Post reporting of it just before the 2020 election. and the implications for the Biden

Nothing for months while liberal darling Mario Cuomo's sordid record was becoming exposed to everyone who cared about the facts. Nothing until the story could no longer be avoided. The Courant does not want its readers to know about those things. And that is what defines its approach to journalism.

defines its approach to journalism. **Brian Burke, Branford**

Women's bracket should have run, not men's

The UConn men's team, unfortunately, lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The women, on the other hand, were standing on the threshold of glory, one game away from another national championship. So, what does the Courant run in the Sports section of Saturday's paper, where there was room, apparently, for only one bracket? You run the men's bracket, of course. Can you say "tone deaf?" I thought

Jim H. Smith, Middlefield

OP-ED

In legalizing pot, has state done enough to protect our youths?

By Katherine Semyanko

With the passing of the Public Act 21-1 on July 1, 2021, signed by Gov. Ned Lamont, Connecticut joined the states that have legalized the recreational use of marijuana for adults.

The first question that comes to mind is what benefits will this legalization bring? A survey from the Pew Research Center reports that the majority of Americans, approximately 60%, largely support the legalization of marijuana for both medical and recreational use. I have had people say to me, "What's the harm in it? There are no real bad side effects." Unfortunately, this is where these people are mistaken, and while there have been positive aspects found with prescribing marijuana for certain medical conditions, there have also been serious side effects that can occur after using mariiuana.

Medical uses of marijuana can include the treatment of acute and chronic pain, vomiting caused by chemotherapy, spasms associated with multiple sclerosis and sleep impairment. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that marijuana is approved for the treatment of seizures and for appetite improvement. However, the question still stands of whether these health benefits carry over to the general population who use marijuana for recreational use.

According to the CDC, using marijuana can lead to numerous adverse effects. Marijuana can significantly affect an individ-



Katherine Semyanko asks: In legalizing marijuana, can Connecticut do more to protect young adults and adolescents? **FILE**

ual's cognitive abilities, leading to poor memory and decision-making, loss of coordination and difficulty learning. Impaired cognition can lead to participation in risky behavior and poor life choices that can have serious consequences. Marijuana leads to negative effects on major organs such as the heart and lungs as it causes rapid heart rates, increased blood pressure and lung tissue damage. The substance increases the risk for the development of heart disease and strokes. Cannabis Hyperemesis Syndrome is a condition of severe nausea and vomiting, following marijuana use, which can cause abdominal pain, dehydration, esophagus inflammation or perforation, poor nutrition and tooth breakdown.

Using recreational marijuana can also lead to psychological effects. The CDC describes a correlation between marijuana use and mental illness including depression and anxiety. There can be both short-term effects such as altered perception of reality and paranoid thoughts, or long-term complications. The most alarming finding of side effects is that suicidal thoughts and attempts have been related to marijuana use.

While the legalization of marijuana applies to adults only, marijuana use is rising among adolescents. Statistics from the CDC show that in 2019, 37% of high school youth admitted to using marijuana. Young adults are maturing mentally and physically. An underdeveloped brain is still learning how to process information and develop critical-thinking skills. Thus, marijuana use can lead to neurological damage, impeding these processes and affecting the student's academic achieve-

ments and social experiences. In a review published in the Current Addiction Reports, Dr. Elizabeth D'Amico and her team describe that teens using marijuana are less likely to graduate high school or go to college.

Why are young adults suffering from these marijuana effects and why is the number of adolescents using marijuana increasing? The answer might lie in the legalization of the substance. Young adults are highly exposed to advertising. They also see adults, whom they know, use the substance. Access to marijuana becomes easier in states where it is legalized. Higher rates of both marijuana and tobacco use are seen in states that have legalized recreational marijuana.

As a society, it is imperative that we protect our youth and guide them in creating the best possible choices to strive for a healthy, successful life. While medical marijuana has been found to have benefits if prescribed for appropriate conditions, the use of recreational marijuana seems to have many more negative effects than positive outcomes. The health of our youth population should be a priority of our government and we should urge our representatives to be our advocates and, with the help of medical professional experts, strive for policy reform that will address these concerns.

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OP-ED

Can the Brooklyn subway shooting help reform our politics on crime?

By E.J. Dionne Jr. The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The subway shooting in Brooklyn on Tuesday that left at least 23 people injured underscores how our deeply divided political system is utterly failing our nation when it comes to public safety.

Our politics treat crime as an issue to be exploited, not a problem to be solved. Violence becomes just another excuse to fight culture wars, which exploit our discontents rather than healing them. Our debates are oriented toward the next election, not what's happening on our streets.

This all makes it more likely that potential solutions are ruled out rather than ruled in. We should prefer a robust discussion of what works.

Since the 1960s, "law and order" has been a rhetorical banner used to divide our society along racial lines. We would do well to think more about security and justice as preludes to a coherent approach to fighting crime — more effective policing and police reform efforts, stronger gun laws and greater access to mental health care. We need to deal with

crime's social causes, too.

It's maddening that doing the obvious thing — strengthening our gun laws — is off the table. Our permissive gun statutes are insane, which is why no other advanced democracy has anything like them. Even if states enact tough gun laws, weapons can pour across state lines. The easy availability of guns is a national problem, not a local one, as is the robust under-

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ground trade in weaponry.

But the conservative politicians who work relentlessly to tie their moderate and progressive foes to slogans such as "defund the police" — which is currently being advocated by virtually no one active in politics — reject national action on weapons. Republicans proudly shout about "Second Amendment rights" and tell rural voters that urban Democrats championing gun control disrespect them and want to undermine their way of life.

It's ridiculous. It's shameful.
And we keep seeing the fatal
consequences.

Despite all this, a U.S.
Supreme Court stacked with
conservatives might soon
undercut even those remaining state and local laws aimed at
regulating access to firearms.

Progressives need to be very clear that in addition to regulating guns, they want better police strategies that include deploying more officers and other first responders where they are needed, with the resources and training they require. As supporters of public services, progressives must defend public spaces, including mass-transit systems. New York's subway system will collapse if order is not restored.

"Riders need to feel safe,"

Tony Utano, president of Transport Workers Union Local 100 in New York, said in a statement after Tuesday's shooting. "My members need to feel safe. We don't just dip in and out of the system. We spend entire shifts down there every day and night."

But embracing robust policing where necessary should not mean abandoning efforts to reform police practices and prevent abuses — from petty harassment to the killing of unarmed people — that have created anger and mistrust among Americans of color. On the contrary, effective policing depends on bonds of trust between police and the communities they serve.

Within Black communities, there is a strong desire both for more effective policing and an end to abuses. Rod K. Brunson, a professor at the University of Maryland, got at the problem in a 2020 Post commentary article underlining concern in Black communities with both "over-policing and "under-policing."

Black and brown communities, he wrote, "now suffer from the worst of all worlds: over-aggressive police behavior in frequent encounters with residents, coupled with the inability of law enforcement to effectively protect public safety."

This dual worry is a central reason that New York Mayor Eric Adams, D, a former police officer, was elected last year as a tough-on-crime candidate with strong support in Black precincts. Against a backdrop of rising crime in the city, he promised he could square the demand for police reform with the desire for reduced violence. He knows the success of his mayoralty hangs on keeping his

It's easy, of course, to call for balance and care on an issue that arouses passion and does not yield to simple solutions. The trade-offs in fighting crime are necessarily controversial. But recognizing that there are trade-offs is the first step toward honesty. And getting past a binary debate that focuses on slogans rather than solutions is essential.

"As is often the case, we may need an 'and' approach rather than an 'or' approach," my Brookings Institution colleague Rashawn Ray and the American Enterprise Institute's Brent Orrell wrote in a 2021 report, "A Better Path Forward for Criminal Justice."

"Policies need to address recent rises in crime and over-policing," they continued. "Most people do not want less policing. They want equitable policing, and equitable treatment once interacting with the criminal justice system, either as a victim or perpetrator."

Fighting crime is hard. Our politics should stop making it harder.

E.J. Dionne writes about politics for The Washington Post.

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Liquor Notices

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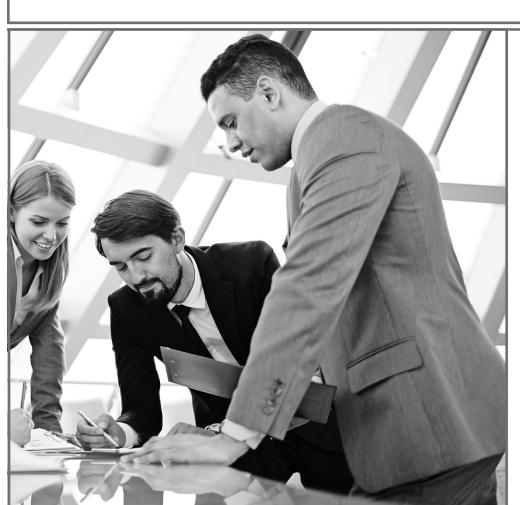




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OBITUARIES

* Denotes name listing only. Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

Plourd, Richard P



Richard P. Plourd, 90, of Waterville and formally of West Hartford, CT died peacefully April 13, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. He was born October 6, 1931 in Hartford, CT, the son of Filias Plourd and Emily (Allaire) Plourd. He graduated from Hartford Public High School in 1949. From a young age, Richard had a passion for automobiles. He raced stock cars at Plainville Motor Speedway and en-



joyed tinkering and restoring cars his entire adult life. He proudly served in the U.S. Army in Korea and upon returning home, married the love of his life Audrey Christensen in 1955.

He worked as a master plumber until joining the West Hartford Fire Department on 02/03/61. While his job was a firefighter, he was a also a carpenter, building their first home in Coventry, CT. He earned his pilots license flying small planes out of Brainard airport in

In 1967 they "bought the farm", a 400 acre rural farm-house in Anson, ME because Richard wanted a place for the kids to play. For the next 55 years they enjoyed vacations and time together with family and friends, building years of memories.

In 1986 Richard retired from the fire department as Deputy Chief and they moved permanently to the farm in Maine

He was predeceased by his brother, Robert. He is survived He was predeceased by his protner, Robert, He is survived by his wife of 67 years Audrey Christensen Plourd; sons Thomas Hogerty of South Windsor, CT, Mitchell Plourd and wife Deborah of Madison, ME, daughter Patricia and husband David Downes of Newington, CT and son William and his wife Alecia of Canton, CT. His grandchild. Plourd, Peyton Plourd, Ethan Plourd, Owen Plourd and expected in August Luca Plourd.

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Rydin, Brent A



Brent A. Rydin, 35, of Natick, MA and formerly of Avon CT, died Tuesday, April 12 in a tragic fire.

He was the beloved husband of Julia (Harty) Rydin and son of Craig and Linda (Labnon) Rydin of Avon.

Born in Arlington Heights, IL, Brent grew up primarily in Connecticut, living in Trumbull

before moving to Avon. A playful and precocious child, he graduated from the Kingswood Oxford School in West Hartford where he competed in tennis and swimming. At KO he readily began friendships that lasted throughout his lamentably short life.

Brent was a graduate of Trinity College (Hartford) where his stage triumph was the title role in Macbeth. A remarkably gifted writer and a passionate reader, Brent was nearing completion of a Master's degree in Creative Writing from Emerson College with a goal of teaching creative writing in addition to his own novelistic projects. He connected easily with just about everyone on just about every topic and was eager to share his seemingly limitless knowledge.

Introduced to Martha's Vineyard in early childhood, Brent spent every happy summer of his life there and served as a counselor at Camp Jabberwocky, the oldest summer camp in America for people with disabilities. Julia quickly introduced him to Ocean City NJ, where

the beach-and-boardwalk life delighted him and his notorious sweet tooth was easily satisfied. Christmases with relatives in the White Mountains were special family time and allowed Brent to develop strong ties to grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins there.

Brent enjoyed being outdoors and especially loved the Berkshires where he and Julia lived and formed the love of their lives. They were married on February 26th of this year. The word "tragic" barely describes his unexpected, painful and premature loss.

Blessed with a smile that lit up any room and a contagious laugh, Brent was gentle, patient and unconditionally kind, with a gift for ensuring those close to him always felt his loyalty, love and support. The writer in Brent listened very carefully, taking in not just what people said, but why and how they said it. His ambition was not just to be a great writer, but to be a great

Besides his wife and parents, Brent is survived by his grandmother, Lorraine Rydin of Berlin NH, and godparents, Holly and Ed Rene of Rochester NH. In addition, he leaves uncles and aunts Randy and Kim Labnon, Scott and Paula Labnon, Lori and Mike Morin, Gary and Kathy Rydin, and John and Linda D. Rydin along with 15

Brent was also loved deeply by his parents-in-law, Cate and Stephen Harty, their daughters Caroline, Lily and Alice, and the extended Harty family. A devoted pet dad, he would want his beloved Juno and Kalina

mentioned as well. Family and friends are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial on Monday, April 18th at 12:00 PM at the Church of Saint Ann, 289 Arch Road, Avon, CT. A reception will

follow the Mass. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, April 19th at 11 AM at the Elmwood Cemetery, 90 Stockbridge Road,

Great Barrington, MA.
In lieu of flowers, donations in Brent's memory may be made to Motley Mutts Rescue or The Aquinnah Cultural Center on the Vineyard.

The Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center in Avon is caring for the arrangements. To leave condolences online, or for directions, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Hyatt, Nancy Miller



Nancy (Miller) Hyatt, 92, of Simsbury and Hilton Head, formerly SC, Bloomfield, beloved wife of the late Robert E. Hyatt, passed away Friday, April 8, 2022. Born in Allentown, PA, daughter of the late Dr. Calvin J. and Isabelle (Kline) Miller; graduated Kutztown University in PA earning a BS in Education and was a mem-

ber of Tau Kappa athletic sorority. She leaves her children Kimberlee Ann Watkins and her husband Thomas, Robert E. Hyatt, Jr, Melissa Jane Hyatt, and Scott C. Hyatt; her grandchildren to whom she owes some of the best and happiest hours of her life, Spencer and his wife Liz Penttila and Curtis Miller Watkins, Robert "Everett" Hyatt, III, Jonathan Hyatt, and Kaitlin Isabelle Hyatt, Matthew H. DeSimone, and Hanna Jane DeSimone; her sister Sally Chromiak and her husband Stephen; and many nieces and nephews. Besides her husband and parents she was predeceased by her daughter-inand parents she was predeceased by her daughter-in-law Mary Sheldon Hyatt. She was a member of Old Saint Andrews Episcopal Church, the church choir, altar guild board, and Episcopal Church Women of the CT Diocese. An avid golfer, she was a member of the Golf Club of Avon and the CT Women's Golf Association. She was a past board member, treasurer, and volunteer at the Institute of Living, Hartford where she was awarded the Volunteer of the Year in 1982 for her work establishing the Show and Sell Shop now the Auxiliary Store. When living in Hilton Head, SC she was active in the Bluffton Garden Club, and volunteered at Calhoun Station and Moss Creek Women's Clubs. "Then it hit me. My turf. Wouldn't it be ironic if my turf yielded the me. My turf. Wouldn't it be ironic if my turf yielded the most important commodity being grown today...a family. A crop of children, seeded by love, watered by tears, enriched with values, protected from disease and emotional storms and in 18-20 years harvested into worthwhile human beings to go through the entire process again. Nothing else I would do would equal it in importance." A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Lives of both Nancy and Bob Hyatt, will be held Saturday, May 21, 2022, 12 Noon, at Old Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, 59 Tariffville Road, Bloomfield. A recention will follow the service Busial was in Old Saint ception will follow the service. Burial was in Old Saint Andrew's Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Old Saint Andrew's Church. The Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center of Avon is caring for the arrangements. For DIRECTIONS TO THE CHURCH or condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Hartinger, Betty S (Stewart)

Betty Sylvia Hartinger (nee Stewart), 88, went to be with the Lord on February 8, 2020 in West Chester, Ohio. She was born in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada, and lived in the Hartford area for over 50 years. Mrs. Hartinger was a long-time member of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Rocky Hill, and later, of First Church in Wethersfield, and was devoted to social justice issues. Together with her late husband, Norbert, she established and coordinated a parish prison ministry. She was also involved in prayer ministry and in numerous clothing and food drives for faith groups. She was an avid knitter and crocheter, making countless hats and scarves for the homeless and sweaters for HeadStart kids in Longmont, Colorado, where she lived recently.

She is pre-deceased by her sons David (wife, Jeanne) of Nashua, NH and Alan of Wethersfield, and survived by her daughter, Verna of Longmont, CO, and her sons Robert of Oakland, CA and Mark (wife Deborah) of West Chester, OH. She is pre-deceased by her brothers Ross and Norman and survived by her sister, Helen MacRae, as well as five grandchildren, Laura and Michael of Nashua, NH, Matthew and Jay of West Chester, OH, and Michael Witteen of Minneapolis, MN.

Her remains have recently been interred at Wethersfield Village Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to Feeding America.

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Marena, Teodoro



Teodoro "Ted" Marena, 83, of Vernon, passed away on April 11, 2022. Ted was born on November 24, 1938, in San Mango Sul Calore, province of Avellino, Italy and was the son of the late Alphonso and Maria (Vozzella) Marena. Ted

means and not knowing any English except the word "fruit". Ted had a deep love for the United States, often referring to it as the land of opportunity if you work berd. He contrided a capital of the Contribution of the Contrib work hard. He carried a copy of the Constitution in his pocket and his ringtone was the song "Coming to

Ted founded Marena Industries in 1960, manufacturing steel parts and selling machinery. He was the President and ran the company until 2020. He was passionate about his work and sharing his knowledge on various topics, particularly about cars and the stock market. He was hardworking, energetic, and resilient. Ted loved and cherished spending time with his family and friends, often gathering, travelling, and sharing a meal. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the San Manghese Social Club.

He sadly leaves behind his wife, Frances, his children Maria Marena of Manchester, Teodoro Marena and his wife Janet of San Jose, CA, Sandra Baldinger and her husband Adam of Wellesley, MA, Diana Lynch of Wethersfield, and stepson Jason Karkevich and his wife Nicole of Clermont, FL. His beloved grandchildren Gina, Enzo, Dante, Matthew, Adam, Cristina, Taylor and Ryan and his great granddaughter Gabryelle. Ted is survived by his sister, Filomena Carney of West Hartford, and his brother Mario Marena of Hartford as well as several nieces, nephews, and extended family members. In addition to his parents, Ted was predeceased by his sister Concetta Borea.

Special thanks to the doctors, nurses, health care providers and staff that cared for and supported him at the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center and UConn John Dempsey Hospital.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Monday, April 18, 2022, from 4p.m-7:30 p.m. at the Burke-Fortin Funeral Home, 76 Prospect Street, Rockville, CT. Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 11 a.m. at St. Bernard Church, 25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT. Burial will follow at Mt. Saint Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield, CT. Memorial donations can be made to the HealthWell Foundation at www.healthwellfoundation.org. For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.pietrasfuneralhome.com.

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Burke, Richard



Richard J. ("Dick") Burke, 88, of Milford, beloved husband of the late Carol A. Burke, passed away peacefully on April 12, 2022. Born on August 25, 1933 in Hartford, he was the son of the late James and Frances (Sivigny) Burke.

Richard graduated Glastonbury High School, served in the U.S. Army, and

earned both a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Connecticut, as well as a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Bridgeport. He lived in Milford for 55 years, during which time he had a 30-year career with

years, during which time he had a 30-year career with Sikorsky Aircraft, retiring in 1994.
Richard is survived by his three loving children, Thomas R. Burke and his husband, Axel Brunger, Janet M. Norris and her husband Gary, and Karen L. Davis and her husband Glen; two cherished grandchildren, Kathryn and Children Retiring Locaty of Simphury. Charles Davis; and sisters Patricia Leary of Simsbury and Barbara Dunham of West Hartford. He was a devoted fan of the New York Giants, Boston Red Sox, and voted fan of the New York Glants, Boston Red Sox, and UConn basketball (men's and women's) his whole life. Friends and family may call from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad St., Milford, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at Saint Agnes Church (Precious Blood Parish) 400 Merwin Ave., Milford, CT. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Connecticut Hospice 100 Double Beach be made to Connecticut Hospice, 100 Double Beach Road, Branford, CT 06405. To leave online condolences, please visit our website at www.codywhitefuneralser-

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Eaton, Bruce W.



The family of Bruce W. Eaton is deeply saddened to announce Bruce's sudden passing on February 28, 2022. Bruce was born in Southington, Connecticut on April 11, 1948 and most recently lived at Immanuel House in Hartford. He graduated from Bristol Eastern High School in 1967, proudly wearing number 78 for the BEHS football team, The Lancers. Bruce served in the

1970-1971 and was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina with his then wife, Judy. Bruce was affectionately known as Brother Bru, Uncle Brucie and Papa Bear. He managed and owned restaurants in Bristol, founded Bear Maintenance, and retired as the sexton at Bethany Covenant Church in Berlin where he was a faithful member. His hobbies included golf, bowling and karaoke (always the life of the party). Bruce loved driving all around Connecticut,

U.S. Army during the Vietnam War from

the old Savin Rock area in West Haven. Bruce was predeceased by his parents, Bruce C. Eaton and Dorothy Eaton; his brother, Michael Eaton; his sister, Christine Eaton; and his second wife, Dorothy

especially to Bradley Airport (although he didn't like to

fly), to the banks of the Connecticut River and down to

Bruce is survived by his son, Daniel Eaton of New Smyrna Beach, FL; his grandsons, Daniel Eaton and David Eaton; his sisters, Dawn Eaton of New York City and Charlotte Edenfield (Mark Edenfield) of Tallahassee FL; his niece, Jessica Long, (Todd Blanchette) of Terryville, CT; his great niece, Ashley Long of Terryville; and his beloved kitty, Luna. He will also be missed by many members of Dottie's family including Danielle & Luis Rivera and Marc LeDuc.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Brookdale Chatfield and Immanuel House for the wonderful care they provided the last few years of Bruce's life.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday at Bethany Covenant Church, Berlin. Interment will fol-

low the service in the church's Memorial Garden.
In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Bethany Covenant Church, the Connecticut Humane Society or your favorite charity. Please share a memory of Bruce with the family in the online guest-book at www.ericksonhansen.com

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McNulty, Terence



Terence F. McNulty Jr., loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother, passed away peacefully on April 10th, 2022. Hé was 85. Terry was born on August 18th, 1936, in Hartford, Connecticut to the late Dr. Terence and Isabelle (Preston) McNulty. He was raised in Hartford with his brother Thomas and was a

survivor of the Hartford Circus Fire of 1944. Terry graduated from Hartford Public High School in 1954 and earned his Bachelor's degree from St. Anselm College in 1958. He later earned a Master's in Education from the University of Hartford. He also served as a member of the US Army Reserves. In a career that spanned three decades, Terry worked first for the Hartford Public Schools and then for the East Hartford Public Schools, leading efforts to support the enrollment and graduation of at risk students. On June 28th, 1973, he married Judith (Kaiser) McNulty. Together they moved to West Hartford where they raised a daughter and a son. They were married for 47 years, until Judith's passing in July 2020. Terry was an avid reader who studied Connecticut history, especially the history of the city of Hartford. Terry was always eager to reminisce about the Hartford of his youth and tell stories about his childhood and the neighborhoods he loved. He also loved sports, especially baseball. A historian at heart, Terry spent years documenting his family's history, developing a detailed genealogy of the McNulty and Preston families that traced their journeys to the United States. Terry was defined by his patience. Those who loved him will also remember him for his humility and kindness.

humility and kindness.
Terry was preceded in death by his father Terence, his mother Isabelle, and his wife Judith. He is survived by his daughter Kathryn McNulty-Cheon and her husband John Cheon of South Windsor, his son Terence P. McNulty and his wife Connie McNulty of West Hartford, and his grandchildren Laurel and Terence L. McNulty of West Hartford. He is also survived by his brother Thomas McNulty and sister-in-law Betty Ann McNulty of Windsor, his sister-in-law Donna Kaiser of Meriden, as well as many nieces and nephews.
Friends may call at Ahern Funeral Home, 180 Farmington

Friends may call at Ahern Funeral Home, 180 Farmington Avenue, Hartford on Monday, April 18th from 4:00-6:00 PM. The Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated Tuesday, April 19th at 10:00 AM in the Church of St. Timothy, April 19th Main Street Worth Hartford, (all are kindly, 1114 North Main Street Worth Main 1116 North Main Street, West Hartford, (all are kindly asked to meet directly at Church), followed by burial in the family plot at Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. To send online condolences to the family, please visit

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Konopka, Rev. Edward M.



The Reverend Edward M. The Reverend Edward M. Konopka, son of the late Myron T. And Anna M. Konopka died Feb. 16 2022, following a long illness. Fr. Konopka, a Middletown native, attended local schools and graduated from Wesleyan University with distinction in French. His seminary studies followed at Grand Seminaire followed at Grand Seminaire

de Saint -Brieuc, in Brittany, France. His ordination, in 1960, was held in Middletown at St. Francis of Assisi church, his family parish. Fr. Konopka's first assignment was in 1960 as assistant pastor to Fr. Norman St. Martin in, CT. Saveral anguity marts followed: Occum Higganum, CT. Several appointments followed: Occum, CT, St Mary's Church in Putnam, St Mary, Star of the Sea in New London, St Bernard's School in Uncasville, Sacred Heart Church, in Vernon and then back to St. Peter Church in Higganum where he remained for nearly thirty-three years. While in Higganum, Fr. Konopka served in several posts; Vicar for Clergy, Dean of Middletown Deanery and Chaplain of Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Fr. Konopka had the rare and blessed opportunity to age with his parishioners and to become an integral part of so many lives. His retirement years spent in Santa Fe, New Mexico gifted him with yet another group of dear friends. Father Konopka leaves a brother, William Konopka of Cromwell, CT and nieces Maura Dilk of Cromwell and Meg O'Conner of Schaumberg, IL. Father also leaves his sister, Myra-Anne Keller of Colorado Springs Co. and her son, Christopher Fiore of Columbia, CT. Niece, Karen Fiore-Green, of Glenview, IL predeceased her uncle. Fr. Konopka has left a huge void in the many lives he touched. His intelligence, his sense of humor, his love of friends and especially his family will be greatly missed. Visitation will begin at 6 p.m. Friday April 22, at St. Peter Church, 30 St Peter Lane Higganum CT until 7 p.m. at which time a Parish Mass will be celebrated. The funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 10 a.m. at St Peter Church, by the Most Reverend Michael Cote, Bishop of Norwich. A reception will follow. Burial will be private. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Langton, John Robert



John "Jack" Robert Langton, 89, of West Hartford, CT passed away peacefully on April 13, 2022, with his family by his side. Jack was born October 2, 1932, in Peoria, Illinois, the son of John and Evelyn Langton. Jack graduthen married Claire Seiler and eventually settled in West Hartford, living at The McAuley for the past 11 years.

Jack had a long and distinguished career of 42 years at The Hartford Financial Services where he earned the CPCU credential and was eventually promoted to assistant vice president of Hartford Specialty.

Jack enjoyed tennis and golf, spending time at Rockledge Golf Club. He also enjoyed coaching in the West Hartford Youth Basketball League.

After retirement, Jack volunteered as a tax preparer and taught English as a Second Language.

Jack is survived by his wife of 63 years, Claire; his four children, Bob (Christine) of Bolton, CT; Mark of Cromwell, CT; Lynn of Evanston, IL; and Mary-Ann of West Hartford; his sister, Mary Ann (Dick) Monge of Peoria, IL; and his six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private. Donations in Jack's e made to Communitas Manchester, CT 06045. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

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Temple, Jr., Anthony M.



Anthony M. "Tony" Temple Jr., 91, of South Windsor, formerly of East Hartford, beloved husband of Nancy L. (Deane) Temple, died peacefully on Monday, April 11, 2022, at Hartford Hospital. He was born on August 24, 1930, Hartford, CT, son of the late Anthony M. and Grace (Madden) Temple. He grew up and lived most of his life in East Hartford. A graduate of

East Hartford High School, he enjoyed and excelled at sports. He entered the U.S. Marine Corps and served our country during the Korean War. He was proud to be a Marine. Upon returning from service, he married the love of his life, Nancy on April 28, 1952. Tony and Nancy raised four children. He has several jobs throughout his lifetime but was most proud to own and operate the Underpass Café in East Hartford with his family. Tony was an avid sports fan and enjoyed bowling on a league in his younger years. He was well informed and up to date on world news and current events and always enjoyed sharing his opinion with others. He enjoyed trips to Mohegan Sun, cruises in the Caribbean and dancing with his wife Nancy. Tony was most proud of his family and his greatest joy was spending every moment he could with them. Along with his wife, Nancy of South Windsor he leaves his children, Gary D. Temple and his wife Sol of Enfield, Gail M. Temple of Manchester, Glen D. Temple of Manchester, and Gloria J. Temple of South Windsor, his sister, Phyllis Piscatello of South Windsor; his brother, Robert Temple of Manchester; his 9 grandchildren, Mark, Jill, Crystal, Wesleigh, Brittany, James, Zander, Angelie, and Zayden; 8 great grandchil dren, Dexter, Dmitri, Cierra, Chaz, Jasmine, Chance, Gabriella, and Eleanor; and many nieces, nephews, extended family member and friends. He also leaves his brother-in-law who was also a close friend, Richard Harvey of East Hartford, his sisters-in-law, Catherine Temple of Manchester, Priscilla Bickford of Torrington, Carol and Anton Mayor of Manchester. He was predeceased by his infant son, Russell J. Temple; his siblings, June Counahan, Jack Carrier, Virginia Carrier, Louise Harvey, and Arthur Temple Sr, brothers-in-law Robert Deane, Lloyd Deane, Russell Bickford Sr. sister-in-law Barbara Wentworth and his best friends, Jack and Ellie Aregood. His family will receive, friends during calling hours on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, from 4-7 p.m., at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 10 a.m., meeting directly at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 673 Ellington Rd., South Windsor. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Rose Hill Memorial Park in Rocky Hill. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Charitable Service Trust . For on-line condolences please visit www.carmonfuneral-

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Gitlitz, Edith (Mirlis)



Edith "Eadie" (Mirlis) Gitlitz, 87, of Colchester CT passed away on April 14, 2022 peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Brooklyn, NY on October 20, 1934 to the late Al and Regina Mirlis.

NY on October 20, 1934 to the late Al and Regina Mirlis. She married her husband Sidney, the love of her life, on October 25, 1954 and they remained happily together for 67 years until his death. They moved to Colchester in 1954, where they raised their 3 daughters. She spent her time helping her husband with his pharmacy, National Drug, and then happily spoiling her children and 7 grandchildren. She was an active member of Ahavith Achim Synangogue. She loved to cook for her family and friends, and spent her Wednesdays playing Mahjong with her friends. She enjoyed working on crossword puzzles and watching the Food Channel and HGTV. She is predeceased by her husband Sidney, her daughter Karen, and her brother Seymour. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Marcy and Peter Hutchinson of Colchester, her daughter and son-in-law Maureen and Michael Reid of Seymour and her 7 beloved grandchildren. The funeral will be Monday, April 18 at 11am at Ahavith Achim cemetery on Taintor Hill Road in Colchester.

Road in Colchester.
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Special Olympics or the American Cancer Society.

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Maldonado, Mariela



Mariela Maldonado, 65 of Hartford, beloved wife of the late Juan Maldonado was reunited in heaven with the love of her life on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. She was born in Columbia on November 18, 1956; a daughter of the late Mariela Victoria De Torres and Joege Ulises Torres. Mariela was a devoted wife and mother, family came first. She enjoyed becoming a mother and raising her one and only son Juan. Mariela embraced her faith and was a very active member of her church community at Glory Chapel International Cathedral.

Mariela is survived by her son, Juan Thomas Maldonado; united in heaven with the love

Chapel International Cathedral.

Mariela is survived by her son, Juan Thomas Maldonado; granddaughter, Leylanii Maldonado; her five siblings, Betty, Nancy, Nubia, Joege, Amparo; and her goddaughters, Valeria and Mia; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.

Her family will receive friends on Monday, April 18, 10-11 a.m. with a Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. at the Glory Chapel International Cathedral, 221 Greenfield St., Hartford, CT, with Rev. Dr. Paul T. Echtenkamp, officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery. For online expressions of sympathy please visit, www. carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Tedeschi, Judith Carol (Taylor)



Born Christmas Day 1942 in San Francisco, Judy's 10-year battle with Lewy Body Dementia came to a peaceful end on April 12th with her husband, Dominic Tedeschi, by her side at their home in Pomfrat. She will be dearly Pomfret. She will be dearly missed and never forgotten by her family. Lincoln and his wife Ngoc, and grandchildren.

David, and grandchildren Carina, Ryan, and Colin. Lynn Converse and her husband partner Jordan Manthorne, and Scott and his partner Alyse Leonard. Luke and grandchildren Cosmo and Nico, and their mother Laura. Len and his wife Leah, and grandchildren Molly and Moth. Judy is survived by her siblings Robert Taylor and Margaret Semmelrock.

Taylor and Margaret Semmelrock.

Judy touched many people in Northeastern CT during her career as one of the area's most successful real estate brokers and owner of Tedeschi Real Estate Center. Judy was an extremely thoughtful and kind person, going above and beyond to help others. She was a giver, even when she was the one needing the assistance. Throughout her battle, Judy fought the disease with courage and grace. The world lost an amazing, caring, driven person. Those who knew her will remember her infectious smile, caring, kind demeanor, silly sense of humor, and boundless energy. The family would like to extend their sincerest gratitude to Judy's caregivers Simone, Tammy, and Michelle.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 20th, from 11am-1pm at Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St, Putnam.

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Ulitsch, Leonore F. (McKenna)

Leonore M. Ulitsch of Newington, CT, left to go somewhere special "out there" on April 14, 2022. "Lee" was born on December 5, 1937 to Leo and Mary McKenna of Putnam, CT. The youngest of four girls, she was named after her father who realized there would be no Junior. Lee learned piano as a child to "keep her hands busy' but did not keep it up after she left home to attend St. Francis School of Nursing. After graduation she worked at St. Francis Hospital in the IV department which she loved followed by the dialysis department, which she did not love. After being a bridesmaid numerous times she was introduced to William J. Ulitsch on a blind date. After a short courtship that involved a sprained ankle and a small TV, they agreed to marry. She leaves behind the four children they had together, John Ulitsch of Whitefish, MT, Clare Úlitsch of Truckee, CA, Elizabeth Ulitsch of Glenn Cove, NY and Joe Ulitsch (and daughter-in-law Jennifer) of Cape Coral, FL. She also left behind six grandchildren, Meghan and Danielle, Lilah, Ava and Gage, Kaylee and one grandchild, Ella. There are many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors, who she loved dearly still gracing the planet. She is pre-deceased by her husband, her sisters Mary Duffy, Ann Johnson, Ruthie Barbeau, sister-in-law Claire Messier and nephew Mathew Duffy. Lee loved all animals and nature in general. She was able to spend her last days nature in general. She was able to spend her last days in her home of 56 years in Newington with her cat, Charlie, watching Stumpy the squirrel build it's nest. In lieu of flowers please consider adopting her older, orange tabby cat by contacting Clare at clareu13@gmail. com or consider donating to The Humane Society. Lee donated her body to medicine at UConn Health which is also another option for donation. They take checks too. A memorial mass will be held in her honor in the uncoming two weeks at St. Mary's catholic church in upcoming two weeks at St. Mary's catholic church in Newington, CT.

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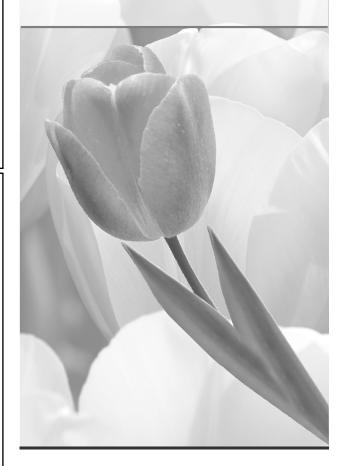
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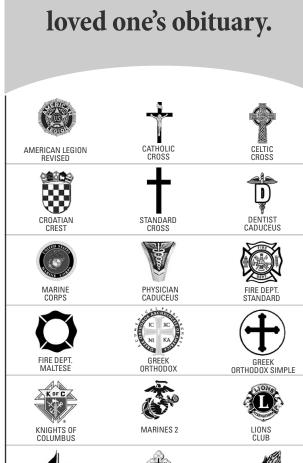
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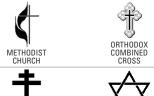


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Working to protect academic freedom

Two-day event discusses anti-racism in education amid heightened divisions across state, nation

By Seamus McAvoy Hartford Courant

It wasn't until closing remarks, delivered by Melina Pappademos, director of the Africana Studies Institute and associate professor of history at UConn, that the elephant in the room was explicitly addressed.

"Academic freedom is at stake. We need to be clear," Pappademos said. "This conference is really at the heart of how to safeguard academic freedom, how to safeguard our experiences."

Pappademos' comments Wednesday afternoon came toward

the end of the first day of the inaugural "Anti-Racism in Education and the Community" conference, a two-day event hosted by UConn Hartford at the Hartford Public

The conference highlighted the research taking place at Connecticut's institutions, and work in the community underway by local advocates. But it also comes amid heightened division and politicization surrounding issues related to race and gender, particularly in the classroom.

Local school boards within the state and across the country are wrestling with how to format instruction related to race and gender that is both age-appropriate and congruent with family values. The West Hartford Board of Education, for example, continues to receive pushback for its introduction of hotly debated "social and emotional learning" curriculum.

Meanwhile, several states have recently introduced legislation intended to curtail or ban instruction related to certain gender or racial issues. Connecticut, Pappademos said, is one of just 10 of the country's states or territories that has not.

"It's under attack, it's really under attack," Pappademos said.

At the conference Wednesday, speakers and presentations touched

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Godfrey L. Simmons Jr., right, artistic director of HartBeat Ensemble, listens during a conference on "Anti-Racism in Education and the Community" at the Hartford Public Library. SEAMUS MCAVOY/HARTFORD COURANT

Council eyes new safety measure

Wethersfield official: Panhandling a danger for individuals, drivers

By Steve Smith Courant Community

WETHERSFIELD - At its meeting on April 4, the Wethersfield town council reopened discussion on an ordinance to address a panhandling problem, which had been tabled since Feb.

Councilwoman Mary Pelletier said that she and councilman Matthew Forrest had discussed creating new language addressing concerns from the original

proposed ordinance. There is some case law that you can't ban panhandling outright, on first amendment grounds," she said. "We are trying to come up with a public safety ordinance that addresses people standing in those narrow medians and encouraging cars to stop, because that creates a danger, not iust for the individual standing out there, but for the drivers."

Pelletier said the language changes were passed along to the town attorney, who also made additional changes.

This is something that we're actively working on, Pelletier said, adding that she expects that the draft ordinance should be ready to vote on by the council's next meeting.

We did spend a long time on this," Forrest said. "This is very sensitive and quite complicated. I think we've got it to a point where it's generally going to come to this

The recent changes by the town attorney, Forrest said, were more form than substance, but necessary to make sure the ordinance is air-tight.

"The pushback, if we're wrong on this, is possibly a pretty serious lawsuit," he said, "so I'd like to, for our purposes, to get legal to give it

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TONY AWARD-WINNING 'JAGGED LITTLE PILL,' HOT HISTORICAL MUSICAL 'SIX' HIGHLIGHT THE BUSHNELL'S UPCOMING SEASON



The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts in Hartford has announced its 2022-23 Broadway series season. THE BUSHNELL/COURTESY

Setting the stage

By Christopher Arnott | Hartford Courant

ina"! "Tootsie"! "To Kill a Mockingbird"!, not to mention four shows that don't begin with the letter "T," including the hot historical musical "Six," "Disney's Aladdin," "Ain't Too Proud" and "Jagged Little Pill," will hit The Bushnell during the theater's 2022-23 season.

The Bushnell announced the titles in its 2022-23 Broadway Series season Thursday night.

Three of the seven shows are iukebox musicals, one is based on a classic movie comedy, one is a non-musical drama based on a Pulitzer-winning book from 1960, and one is from Disney. Several have themes of racial or gender prejudice or social injus-

Here's a look at The Bushnell's

2022-23 season in order of when the shows are due in Hartford.

Nov. 8-13, 2022 — 'Disney's Aladdin': The stage musical based on the 1992 animated film was first developed in 2011, opened on Broadway in 2014 and began touring in 2017, so it's taken a while to hit Connecticut. The songs are by the "Little Shop of

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The new touring company of the hit Broadway musical "Six" will be at The Bushnell in January. JOAN MARCUS/COURTESY

Raise package price tag: \$1.9B

Deal for state workers would force Connecticut to draw nearly \$300M from reserves, report finds

By Keith M. Phaneuf CT Mirror

It would cost Connecticut nearly \$1.9 billion over four years to cover the raises, bonuses and related costs Gov. Ned Lamont negotiated for about 46,000 state employees, nonpartisan legislative analysts reported.

The package, which would force Connecticut to draw almost \$300 million from its reserves, is expected to come under heavy fire Monday from Republican lawmak-

GOP leaders noted the \$407 million in raises and bonuses the Democratic governor would channel annually to state workers far exceeds the tax relief he proposed for all Connecticut residents.

The legislature's nonpartisan Office of Fiscal Analysis projected this week that the contracts Lamont struck with more than 30 state employee bargaining units would cost \$1.87 billion, spread across this fiscal year and each of the next three.

The agreement does allow the unions to reopen wage negotiations before the fourth fiscal year

begins on July 1, 2024. That \$1.87 billion estimate

includes: ■ \$1.47 billion for a 2.5% general wage increase in all four years, and also to provide an annual step increase for all but the most senior workers. Lamont acknowledged in a news conference earlier this month that the step hike likely would add at least 2 percentage points on top of the general wage

■ \$155 million for \$2,500 bonuses in mid-May and \$1,000 bonuses in mid-July. The full amounts would be paid to roughly 43,000 fulltime employees while part-timers would receive prorated bonuses.

■ \$240 million to cover additional related costs, such as contributions to the state employee pension fund and Social Security and unemployment taxes.

Lamont acknowledged last week that the raises and bonuses combined could boost workers pay, on average, about 7% this year, which is higher than normal. But he defended the agreement during a news conference last week, calling it vital to the state's ability to recruit talent and preserve services amid high inflation.

"I want a salary structure that

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Mask rule expires for care homes, hospitals

Coverings still required in some schools, for now

Associated Press

HARTFORD - People will no longer be required to wear face masks in Connecticut hospitals, outpatient health care settings and homeless shelters, as a state masking order expired early Friday.

Mask-wearing provisions for inside schools are sticking around until June 30 in places where a local board or similar authority has required masks to be worn. However, the Department of Public Health said districts will still have the ability to mandate

mask-wearing on their own after

June 30.



ent place than we were in March 2020 thanks to the tools we have at our disposal," said Manisha Juthani, the state's public health commissioner, "including COVID-19 vaccines, boosters, state supported testing sites and the availability of self-tests.

"We are in a far differ-

"And while we are learning to live with this virus and when we should ramp up and ramp down with our preparedness, we are able to move on from these orders which served a very important purpose," she said.

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Federal prison for man who sold fentanyl linked to death

Staff report

A man who formerly lived in Sprague was sentenced to five years in prison Tuesday for distributing fentanyl, according to federal authorities.

Christopher Dubicki, 37, also was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Robert N. Chatigny in Hartford to four years of supervised release, federal authorities said in a statement.

The FBI's Safe Streets Task Force and the Norwich Police Department launched an investigation after several fatal and non-fatal overdoses "occurred in a short period of time in eastern Connecticut," and investigators determined that, beginning at least as early as January 2017 and continuing to July 2018, Michael Nieves worked with Juan Reyes to supply heroin and fentanyl to other distributors.

Those included individuals who regularly traveled from eastern Connecticut to Hartford to purchase the drugs, federal authorities said in the statement, citing court documents and statements made in court. Those individuals then sold the drug to customers in the Norwich and New London areas, federal authorities said.

Norwich police officers went to a home on the report of an overdose July 5, 2017, and the victim, a 34-year-old male, was taken to the hospital but later died, federal authorities said in the statement.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner subsequently determined the victim's cause of death to be "acute fentanyl intoxication," the statement said. The investigation "revealed that Dubicki sold the fentanyl to the victim after previously purchasing it from Nieves and Reyes."

Investigators also made multiple controlled purchases of fentanyl from Dubicki and, on Feb. 7. 2018, a court-authorized search of his residence revealed approximately 650 glassine bags of fentanyl, federal authorities said in the statement.

Dubicki has been detained since his arrest on May 7, 2018, and on Aug. 12, 2019 he pleaded guilty to fentanyl, heroin and cocaine distribution charges.

"Investigators connected six other overdoses, three fatal and three non-fatal, to drugs that were supplied by Nieves and Reyes. They both pleaded guilty to federal charges," federal authorities said in the statement.

Reves was sentenced June 9, 2021, to 151 months in prison and, on Feb. 24, 2022 Nieves was sentenced to 168 months in prison, according to the state-

Police: Hartford man killed, another wounded in shootings

Staff report

A Hartford man who had suffered from gunshot wounds died Friday and a second man believed to be in his 50s was being treated for a non-life-threatening gunshot wound, police said.

Officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Sigourney

Street just after 11:30 a.m. after receiving a report of shots fired and found a victim unresponsive on scene; he was transported to an area hospital, where he was pronounced dead, police said.

Police identified the homicide victim as Michael E. Foley, 25, of Plainfield Street.

Police said a second victim, a male in his 50s, arrived "at an area hospital suffering from a non-life-threatening gunshot wound."

The Hartford Police Major Crimes and Crime Scene Divisions responded and is investigating, police said. . Anyone with any information regarding the case is asked to call the HPD Tip Line at 860-722-TIPS

Panhandling

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its blessing ... and then we could proceed accordingly."

Originally discussed back in early January, Town Manager Gary Evans had said that the police department and other town offices had received many complaints from motorists seeing an increase of panhandlers on roadways, including the Silas Deane Highway

At that time, a 2015 Supreme Court decision was also presented, stemming from a case in Arizona, stating that a municipality had to show "a compelling government interest" to curb panhandling.

Evans also said, at the January meeting, that the ordinance should be focused on the safety of both the panhandler and the general public. It should also address how police are empowered to intervene, at least to mitigate overly aggressive panhandlers.

For more information, visit www.wethersfieldct.gov.

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Horrors" and "Beauty and the Beast" team of Howard Ashman and Alan Menken, plus some lyrics from Tim Rice and Chad Beguelin.

Jan. 17-22, 2023 — 'Six': The current Broadway hit (whose original opening night was canceled by New York's COVID quarantine order in 2020) takes the six wives of Henry VIII and lets them sing their own stories. There are two concurrent U.S. tours, one of which was rehearsed at the Shubert in New Haven last month prior to hitting the road.

Feb. 21-26, 2023 — 'Tootsie': The musical is based on the 1982 Dustin Hoffman movie. The songs are by David Yazbek, who musicalized "The Full Monty" and "The Band's Visit." Robert Horn's book won the show a Tony. There are some changes to the movie story, such as the leading character (an actor who dresses as a woman to get an audition) getting hired for a Broadway musical rather than a soap opera. "Tootsie" is already on tour this season and was one of the first Broadway shows to hit the road following the pandemic shutdown.

April 11-16, 2023 — 'Tina — The Tina Turner Musical': One of two musicals about '60s Soul/R&B/pop stars on the season, this one has a book by Katori Hall (who wrote the Martin Luther King Jr. drama "The Mountaintop"), Frank Ketelaar, and Kees Prins, and hits like "Nutbush City Limits," "River Deep Mountain High," "What's Love Got to Do With It?" and "We Don't Need Another Hero." "Tina" reopened on Broadway in October after a COVID hiatus and is starting its national tour in Providence, Rhode Island this fall.

May 9-14, 2023 — 'Jagged Little Pill': Alanis Morissette's "Jagged Little Pill," one of the iconic albums of the 1990s, was deftly turned into a musical about youth anxiety and empowerment by Oscar-winning screenwriter Diablo Cody ("Juno") and director Diane Paulus ("Waitress"). It premiered at the American Repertory Theatre in Boston in 2018 and arrived on Broadway in 2019. Cody's book for the show won a Tony.

May 30-June 4, 2023 — 'Ain't Too Proud': The story of The Temptations — the band's initial struggle for fame, their amazing run on the charts

and how they incorporated the political and cultural shifts of the 1960s into their music — provides more than enough material for a musical. "Ain't Too Proud" has a book by Dominique Morisseau, well known in Connecticut for her plays "Sunset Baby" (seen locally at TheaterWorks Hartford and New Haven's Collective Consciousness Theatre), "Skeleton Crew" (done at Westport Playhouse), "Detroit '67" (at Hartford Stage) and "Paradise Blue" (at the Long Wharf Theatre). The musical contains over 30 Temptations songs, from "My Girl" to "Cloud Nine" to "What Becomes of the Brokenhearted."

June 27-July 2, 2023 — 'Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird': Celebrated screenwriter and "West Wing' creator Aaron Sorkin crafted this fresh adaptation of the Pulitzer-winning novel about lawyer Atticus Finch fighting racism, prejudice and violence when he defends a man falsely accused of rape. The story isn't just about the trial but about how Finch is seen by his family and his community. The show's Broadway production is on hiatus, and the national tour has just begun, currently starring Richard Thomas. The drama is directed by Bartlett Sher, the former associate artistic director of Hartford Stage in the mid-1990s and whose productions of "My Fair Lady," "Fiddler on the Roof" and "The King and I" all toured through The Bushnell in recent years.

"Our audience's reception of our current season illustrates how excited we all are to gather again and eniov the best of Broadway" Bushnell CEO David Fay said in a statement. "The 2022-23 season truly has something for everyone: A family favorite, a sing-off between the wives of Henry VIII, pop and soul legends, a beloved movie comedy-turned-musical, Alanis Morrisette's groundbreaking songs and a classic novel come to life."

Besides the 2022-23 series, The Bushnell still has a few shows on its schedule that were postponed from the COVID-impacted 2020-21 and 2021-22 seasons. The stragglers include "Hamilton" June 22-July 11, "Mean Girls" Sept. 27-Oct. 2 and "Hadestown" happening from March 7-12, 2023.

Current Bushnell season subscribers have a chance to renew in the spring months before new subscription packages and single ticket sales are made available in the summer. More information is at bushnell.org.

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Raises

allows me to recruit ... the best and brightest," Lamont said. "That's not always easy."

"We are in fierce competition for talent" with both the private sector and other states, Lamont's communications director, Max Reiss, added Thursday.

Lamont, who took office in January 2019, inherited an Executive Branch workforce that already was down 10% from 2010 levels.

Couple that with two years of a coronavirus pandemic and inflation that topped 7% in 2021, and keeping state workers has become challenging, he said.

Further complicating matters, veteran state employees are retiring in larger numbers this year as they try to get out the door before July 1 when more stringent retirement benefit provisions - negotiated during a 2017 union concessions deal — take effect.

The state had 2,056 workers retire two years ago and 2,656 in

More than 3,400 state employees have either retired or filed their written intentions to do so between January and March 31 alone, and that total is expected to grow considerably in the coming months.

But the agreement does allow workers to accept 70% of the pledged bonuses — specifically, the \$2,500 paid out in mid-May — if they leave the job before July 1, and still receive more generous retirement benefits.

"We feel that this agreement is a recognition of our state workers for their remarkable work, especially during the pandemic," Reiss said.

But Republican legislators say Lamont simply is using Connecticut's massive budget reserves to buy votes from a key part of his labor base as he seeks reelection

Both Rep. Vincent J. Candelora of North Branford and Sen. Kevin Kelly of Stratford, top Republicans in the House and Senate noted that the extra compensation Lamont negotiated for 46.000 state employees easily exceeds what he's proposed for Connecticut's 1.4 million households.

According to the nonpartisan analysts' fiscal note, the annual cost of raises and bonuses alone averages \$407 million over four years.

The governor proposed a tax relief plan that would save households about \$336 million next fiscal year, with most of the aid tied to income and property taxes.

"It begs the question, who works for whom?" said Kelly, the Senate Minority Leader. "I thought we worked for the people of Connecticut. ... The people of Connecticut need help."

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported a consumer price index increase of 8.5% for March, its highest level in four decades.

"That is crushing family budgets," Kelly said.

"It is disproportionate and just incomprehensible to me," Cande-

Lamont has said Connecticut is limited in the tax relief it can provide next fiscal year because of restrictions Congress has placed on states that accept federal pandemic relief. State government here has accepted about \$3 billion through the American Rescue Plan Act.

But more than a dozen Republican-led states are challenging those restrictions in federal court, and GOP lawmakers here urged Lamont last week to take President Joe Biden's administration to court.

The prospects of a Democratic governor suing a Democratic president's administration are slim, but Candelora said, "We have an obligation to have this conversation for the residents of the state of Connecticut."

Unions have defended the deal,

noting that their members not only worked hard during the pandemic but provided concessions deals that helped close state budget deficits for more than a decade.

Packages granted in 2009, 2011 and 2017 included several years of wage freezes and limits on health care and retirement benefits in exchange for protection from lavoffs.

The State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition, which includes most major unions within state government excluding the unit for state police, announced April 1 that all units had ratified the tentative

But the Democrat-controlled General Assembly still must consider the package of agreements.

"This is a bad deal for Connecticut taxpayers, and state lawmakers should reject it, Carol Platt Liebau, president of the Yankee Institute for Public Policy, said.

The conservative policy group based in Hartford is urging lawmakers to bar the awarding of any lump-sum payments before July 1.

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The order, which expires at 12:01 a.m. Friday, stems from this January and was an extension of previous orders.

Besides the remaining mask requirements, Juthani announced that two other executive orders will also terminate Friday. The orders granted extra time for temporary licensing of advance practice registered nurses and physician assistants, and imposed rules concerning who can adminis-

tered COVID-19 vaccines. Also Thursday, Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont signed a bill that extends until June 30 four former executive orders that have since been codified into state law.

They deal with physical distancing in certain congregate settings; making the patient vaccination database available to medical providers; using temporary nurses aides to help alleviate staffing shortages; and providing more time to send out rental assistance payments to people facing eviction who've already applied to the state's UniteCT program.

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on a range of topics pertaining to

diversity, equity and justice. Michael Bradford, UConn vice provost of faculty, staff and student development, stressed the importance of "decolonizing the syllabus" or rethinking the way college reading lists are structured to favor

the white, Western canon. To make his point, Bradford, formerly the department head of dramatic arts, recalled a time when a senior performing arts student asked him for a list of Black playwrights and their plays. Bradford, who taught a class on the history of Black playwrighting in America, was baffled.

Later, Bradford acknowledged that the student wasn't to blame. The course wasn't included in the student's rigid plan of study, nor was it a required course.

"We had a structure in place that negated his access to that class," he said. "We weren't centering the necessity or importance of that

The opening keynote delivered by Renée White, provost and executive vice president for academic

affairs at The New School, served as an academic anchor for the rest of Wednesday's discussions.

White's address dealt with placing antiracist work in the context of higher education, which she said includes accepting education as inherently political. She recommended that colleges and universities clearly define their antiracist principles, place them at the center of their core mission and foster a campus ethos that backs them up.

White also called attention to the idea that antiracist work is often done by people who themselves have experienced inequities. She argued that it's everybody's responsibility to contribute.

"Learned helplessness should not be a reason for not being aware of the necessity and the importance of this work," White said.

The conference, funded by a grant from UConn's Fund for Interdisciplinary Research, was open to UConn faculty, staff, students and community partners.

White's keynote was followed by an interactive play performed by HartBeat Ensemble, a social justice-oriented theater in Hartford. The performers acted out a scenario where a faculty member exhibits implicit racial bias, inter-

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– Renée White, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at The New School

spersed with audience discussion. Kelly Shlabach, a doctoral student at UConn, said the play was 'incredibly well done."

It also resonated with Lara Chiaverini, an administrative coordinator in UConn's Computer Science and Engineering Department.

"Sometimes on the outside, it's easier to see than when you're on the inside," Chiaverini said.

Later, a panel of directors and students from UConn's various cultural centers shared the role they play in helping students adjust to campus life, and advocate for antiracism in the community.

Center directors acknowledged how several of the centers, including the Africana Studies Institute, Asian American Cultural Center and the Rainbow Center, were born in part out of incidents of racism and intolerance on campus in the 1980s and 1990s.

Alejandro Davila, a senior majoring in political science and Latin American studies, said he "knew nothing about Connecticut" before moving from Puerto Rico to attend

He credits the role played by "El Instituto," the Institute of Latina/o, Caribbean and Latin American Studies where he's now a student staff member, for helping him get to where he is now.

"It's so rewarding, you're giving back to the place that gave so much to you," Davila said.

Wednesday's events closed with a panel on community-centered antiracism initiatives with representatives from Grow Hartford, a food justice youth program, and Re-Center, an equity in education training group that works with students and schools.

Natalie McCabe Zwerger, executive director of Re-Center, shared from her experiences as an early childhood educator and how the organization works with institutions to make equity-minded changes to policy.

"I come across countless institutions that are looking for a quick fix and focus only on professional learning opportunities, which are deeply important, but we also need to change policies," McCabe Zwerger said.

Shanelle Morris, Grow Hartford's youth program director, highlighted the ways in which the organization advocates for food justice and educates high school students on the way cultural biases exist within the food industry.

Morris argues school nutrition guidelines, which are set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, tend to favor some of the agricultural sector's largest industries including corn, soy and dairy.

Morris is working on expanding accessibility of water and dairy alternatives in schools, halal options Muslim students and for the localization of school food

"We see that there are schools, they have football fields, they have baseball fields, but there's no farm on a school, there's no greenhouse, there's no seed-saving center, there's no garden," Morris said.

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Fundraiser to help first grader battling cancer

Plainville's Adrianna, diagnosed mid-pandemic, named 'Child of the Year' by SCSU organization

Staff report

A Plainville first grader who is undergoing cancer treatment has been named Southern Connecticut State University's Pediatric Cancer Awareness Organization's "Child of the Year" and a fundraiser will be held to assist her and her family

The child, Adrianna, attends Louis Toffolon Elementary School, and was diagnosed with B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia on March 8, 2021, said Giana Cardonita the event/gala coordinator for the SCSU pediatric cancer awareness organization. Adrianna's last name is not being used to protect her privacy.

The SCSU organization annually holds its gala as a fundraiser for their "child of the year" who is battling pediatric cancer and

it will be a hybrid event this year because of COVID-19 restrictions, Cardonita said. As a result, in addition to an in-person gala at Engleman Hall at SCSU for about 100 people, it will also be live-streamed.

Cardonita said that because Adrianna was diagnosed "in the midst of the global pandemic," fighting it has been extremely lonely, as only her mom and dad can visit in the hospital.

Adrianna has completed a year of chemotherapy, and has 16 months of treatment left, Cardonita said.

The fundraising gala to benefit Adrianna and her family begins at 5:30 p.m. April 29. Cardonita said ways to support Adrianna include making online donations, four sponsorship levels and registration for the gala. A gala ticket



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includes a chance to take home one of four gift baskets, Cardonita said.

Speakers on the evening of the gala will offer insight on pediatric cancer research and the nonprofit organization Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer by Vice President Jim McCaffrey, Miss Connecticut 2019-20 Jillian Duffy a cancer survivor, and personal experiences from parents of past children of the year, Cardonita

Dr. Mary Jo Archambault, the club's adviser and associate professor of SCSU's Department of Recreation, Tourism, and Sports Management, will speak at the event about recreation and leisure activities for children with

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Jones to recoup \$75,000 in fees

Infowars host was fined for failing to appear in Sandy Hook lawsuit

Associated Press

Infowars host and conspiracy theorist Alex Jones will be getting back the \$75,000 in fines he paid to a Connecticut court for failing to appear at a deposition last month in a lawsuit over his assertions that the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting was a hoax, a judge has ruled.

Relatives of some of the 20 children and six educators killed in the 2012 Newtown, Connecticut, massacre sued Jones for defa-

mation, saying they have been subjected harassment and death threats from Jones' followers. A judge found Jones liable for damages, and a trial on how much he should pay the families is set for August.



Jones

Judge Barbara Bellis in Waterbury ordered the return of the money Thursday, because Jones eventually did show at a rescheduled deposition last week. The fines, which escalated daily, were aimed at making sure Jones did

appear for questioning.
Jones said he missed the March 23 and 24 deposition in Austin, Texas - home to Jones and Infowars — because of a medical problem that included vertigo. He said his doctors first thought it was a serious heart issue, but it later turned out to be a sinus infection. Bellis said there wasn't enough evidence Jones was too ill to attend the deposition.

Jones paid a \$25,000 daily fine for April 1 and another \$50,000 daily fine for April 4. He then attended a deposition in Bridgeport on April 5 and 6.

A lawyer for the Sandy Hook families declined to comment Friday. A message was left for Jones' attorney.

Jones was also found liable for damages in similar defamation lawsuits by victims' relatives in Texas, where a trial is set to start later this month. Jones has since said he believes the shooting did

New Haven launches gun violence initiative

'Multi-agency' effort aims to boost services for those at high risk

Staff report

HARTFORD – New Haven has launched a gun violence prevention initiative the city is calling the "PRESS: Program for Reintegration, Engagement, Safety, and Support."

Through it, the Elm City hopes to provide an integrated, multiagency, whole-systems approach to gun violence prevention," according to officials.

The goal is to reduce shooting incidents, increase collaboration by violence prevention partners with "coordinated case management and support services for individuals at a higher risk of being perpetrators or victims of a shooting," city officials said in a statement.

"The initiative specifically focuses on young adults and adults returning from incarceration with a current or prior conviction of a firearm-related offense as well as gang or group members and individuals who are identified to be at higher risk of involvement with firearms," the officials said in the that the creation of the Depart-

statement.

New Haven had 25 homicides in 2021.

New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker said in the statement that the city Office of Violence Prevention will work with city, state and federal law enforcement agencies – and others – including: the New Haven Police Department, the Connecticut U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Connecticut, state department of Corrections, Adult Probation Services of the Court Support Services Division, Project MORE, Connecticut Violence Intervention Program, Project Longevity, Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven Health Depart-

New Haven is using federal American Rescue Plan money to fund the initiative, according to officials.

"New Haven has many committed individuals and organizations doing good work to prevent gun violence. The PRESS program will help coordinate those efforts and used a focused approach directed at those who we know are most at risk of being perpetrators or victims of a shooting," Elicker said in the statement. "We are excited

ment of Community Resilience is starting to have an impact in strategies to improve public safety and health in New Haven."

Dr. Mehul Dalal, the Elm City's community services administrator said the cooperative work and "using evidence-based practices is the only way to address the epidemic of firearms-related violence that is threatening lives and the social fabric of our commu-

Dalal noted, also in the statement, that the hope is for the program to "provide a model to cities and towns across Connecticut and throughout the U.S. working like we are to save lives and slow, and perhaps one day stop, the spread of firearms-related violence."

Officials also noted that the Office of Violence Prevention and a "master's level social worker" would coordinate case managers' work, street outreach and peer support specialists, and "delivery of proven evidenced-based practices. The city will also provide technical support to implement data-driven operations across partner organizations."

"The New Haven Health Department, through its epidemi-

ology program, will track, monitor and interpret the collected data to enhance data-driven operations and interventions and compile reports.

New Haven Police Assistant Chief Karl Jacobson noted in the statement that "we all share a common goal of wanting to reduce gun violence in the city and are working within our individual organizations and agencies to address it.

'Together we are so much stronger and can do so much more. By joining forces and working proactively to provide the services needed to prevent gun violence from happening in the first place, we can make a much bigger impact.

Part of the initiative aims to assist residents returning from incarceration who are at the highest risk of poor outcomes and may be in danger of being a victim or perpetrator of a shooting, according to officials.

Leonard Jahad, executive director of the Connecticut Violence Interruption Program, noted the need for collaboration and that "working in silos doesn't help the collective; and leads to overlapping of efforts and wasted resources."

Suspect in ATM thefts arrested on dozens of charges in Middletown

By Christine Dempsey Hartford Courant

A New Britain man who police said worked with a crew to rip ATMs out of 16 stores in Connecticut and beyond was arrested Thursday on dozens of counts of misdemeanor and felony theft-related charges — including racke-

Middletown police said they arrested Santos Colon-Gonzalez, 24, on a warrant listing 17 charges, including 23 counts of third-degree burglary, 15 counts of second-degree criminal mischief, two counts of first-degree larceny and third-degree burglary with a firearm. The charges also include corrupt organization and racketeering activity, an unclassified felony.

He remained in custody Friday at the Hartford Correctional Center on \$850,000 bail, which includes bonds previously set for other cases, state records show.

Three men, Rafael Delvalle, 25, and Joanberto Rivera, 22, both of New Britain, and Nelson Colon-Da-

vila, 21, of Hartford, have already been arrested in the case, police

"The warrant charges Colon-Gonzalez as being part of an organized crew of conspirators who are alleged to have been committing burglaries throughout Connecticut and other surrounding states since the spring of 2020," police said in a news release.

Under cover of darkness during the COVID-19 lockdown, the crew would drive to a convenience store, break in through the front glass door, hook a line from the vehicle to the ATM and drive off, ripping the cash machine from the floor and dragging it out to the parking lot.

Colon-Gonzalez is accused of participating in the smash-and-grab-style thefts in 16 towns including Newington, Farmington, South Windsor, Glastonbury and Middletown, police said.

He is next scheduled to appear in Superior Court in Middletown on the ATM case May 12.

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Fine Art & Flowers coming to Wadsworth

By Susan Dunne Hartford Courant

The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art at 600 Main St. in Hartford will present its 39th Annual Fine Art & Flowers fundraiser from April 29 to May 1. The show pairs artworks with complementary floral arrangements created by local florists, garden clubs and interior design-

The 2020 and 2021 shows were canceled as a result of the pandemic.

"Not only do the creative floral

interpretations welcome spring to the museum, they invite a fresh look at many popular works of art in our collection," said Jeffrey N. Brown, CEO and director of the Wadsworth.

Admission to the museum has a \$5 upcharge during Fine Art & Flowers. Special programs will be presented during the fundraiser,

■ Gallery Talk on Milton Avery with curator Erin Monroe, meet by museum shop, on April 29 at 12:30 p.m.

■ Floral Designers Challenge in Avery Court, on April 29 at 1 p.m.

■ "Family Artmaking: Botanical Accessories" in Hartford Courant Room on April 30 from noon to 2 p.m.

■ Jazz music by pianist Mary DiPaola and bassist Nat Reeves in Avery Court, on April 30 and May 1 from 2 to 5 p.m.

■ Presentation on ikebana, the Japanese art of floral arranging, by Dr. Diane Suda, in the theater on May 1 at 2 p.m. Registration is required at thewadsworth.org.

Tickets: thewadsworth.org. Susan Dunne can be reached

at sdunne@courant.com.

Meriden woman gets prison for embezzling

Staff report

A Meriden woman was sentenced to a year and a day in prison for embezzling more than \$400,000 from her employer's clients, according to federal authorities.

Crystal Klatt, 36, also was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Janet C. Hall in New Haven to three years of supervised release, according to federal authorities. Hall also ordered Klatt to pay restitution.

Klatt worked as an office manager for a property management company in Hamden and its clients would allow it access to their bank accounts so the company could make payments on behalf of the clients, federal authorities said in a statement. citing documents and statements made in court. "Klatt had access to the client's bank accounts as part of her job responsibilities," between about December 2014 and January 2021, she "diverted \$446,859.82 from the bank accounts of at least 14 clients to pay her personal credit card

Klatt pleaded guilty on Dec. 21, 2021, to one count of wire fraud, the statement said. Klatt is free on a \$50,000

bond and must report to prison on June 2, according to federal authorities.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service, Hamden Police Department and Connecticut Financial Crimes Task Force.

CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

UConn reinstates mask mandate as cases, hospitalizations rise statewide

By Seamus McAvoy Hartford Courant

UConn is reinstating mask mandates in most settings for the remainder of the semester and final exams at the Storrs and regional campuses amid a "substantial" rise in COVID-19 positivity rates, the university announced Friday.

Beginning Monday, masks will be required at all times inside classrooms and other instructional

settings, like labs, studios and clinics. Masks will also be required inside workspaces, and at indoor events exceeding 100 people.

The reinstatement of mandates comes during a rise in cases anticipated by infectious disease experts amid the relaxation of mitigation measures like masks and required testing combined with the transmissibility of the BA.2 omicron

subvariant. UConn's indoor mask mandates were relaxed in March, and dropped inside classrooms at the beginning of April.

The statewide COVID-19 positivity rate at the time floated around 2.5%, but the seven-day average has now climbed to 6.51%, according to Gov. Ned Lamont's office on Friday.

Hospitalizations, now one of the most closely watched metrics as testing declines, also are up. There are 161 people currently hospitalized with COVID-19, 44 of whom were hospitalized in the last week. At UConn, there were about 150

COVID-19 cases reported both on and off campus in the latest sevenday reporting period, UConn said. Fifty-nine isolation beds are in use at the Storrs campus, according to the university's COVID-19 dash-

In a letter to the UConn community, UConn officials wrote the goal of the decision "is to protect health

on our campuses and to help ensure that the remaining weeks of the semester and UConn's commencement ceremonies can be conducted in-person."

"A widespread outbreak that overwhelms university health services and available isolation space could potentially disrupt both," the letter reads.

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LIVING

CELEBRITIES

Carey to teach MasterClass course

From news services

Mariah Carey, the fivetime Grammy Award-winning singer and songwriter, has been tapped to teach a class on how to use the voice as an instrument.

The streaming teaching platform MasterClass announced Thursday that the "All I Want for Christmas" hit-maker will allow its subscribers into her Butterfly Lounge mobile studio – her "musical sanctuary" - to learn firsthand how the voice can be used to write and produce the melodies, lyrics and instrumentation of a song.

"I've never let cameras in when I am creating not when I'm writing and especially not when I'm singing," Carey said in a statement. "But now I'm taking MasterClass members into my studio to show them how they can write and produce music using their voice and become anything they want to be as long as they create, re-create, re-imagine and reinvent."

Considered "the voice" of her generation, Carey has sold over 200 million records and delivered chart-topping hits such as "One Sweet Day," "Fantasy" and "We Belong Together" since bursting onto the music scene with her 1990 self-titled debut.

Launched in 2015, the MasterClass courses each feature about 20 video lessons, at an average of 10 minutes per lesson.

Comics pay respects to Gottfried: Gilbert Gottfried has been laid to

rest. The comedian was remembered by his fellow funny friends and loved ones at a funeral in Westchester, New York, Thursday, two days after the actor died at age 67.

The shiva tonight will be a star-studded event, and the funeral was just absolutely perfect," stand-up comic Jeff Ross,



Mariah Carey will teach a class on how to write and produce music using the voice. JAMIE MCCARTHY/GETTY 2020

who gave the eulogy, told People Thursday. "Gilbert would have loved it. I saw so many great comics there paying their respects."

Among those comics were Colin Quinn, Susie Essman, Mario Cantone, Dave Attell and Paul Shaffer, according to the magazine. Sarah Silverman planned to sit shiva with Gottfried's loved ones. Whoopi Goldberg did not make it to the funeral, but sent a gift.

The memorial "was cathartic but there was also a sense of relief," Ross told People. "As I said at the funeral, Gilbert had been sick, he was tired, and he had perfect timing ... He knew it was his time to get off the stage."

Gottfried died of recurrent ventricular tachycardia due to myotonic dystrophy type 2, which he had been battling for years.

Person shot outside home of DaBaby: A person was

shot and wounded outside the North Carolina home of rapper DaBaby, authorities said Thursday, but it was unclear if he himself was involved or hurt.

DaBaby and at least one other person were at the home when the shooting happened Wednesday, said Troutman Police Chief Josh Watson. But he wouldn't say who was shot or who did the shooting, citing an ongoing investigation. He said the injuries of the wounded person were not life-threatening.

Troutman is 35 miles north of Charlotte.

April 16 birthdays: Singer Bobby Vinton is 87. Actor Ellen Barkin is 68. Actor Michel Gill is 62. Musician Jason Scheff is 60. Singer Jimmy Osmond is 59. Comedian Martin Lawrence is 57. Actor Jon Cryer is 57. Actor Peter Billingsley is 51. Actor Kelli O'Hara is 46. Actor Sadie Sink is 20.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Self-taught expert oversteps with his advice

Dear Amy: My daughter's boyfriend is a self-taught personal trainer (with no professional training).

He had previously been an airplane mechanic.

He acts like he's a medical doctor, constantly offering unsolicited advice.

I have asked my daughter to please make him stop. He follows all these weird and wacky diets that he sees on YouTube. At one point, he was actually eating sticks of butter with his meals.

He once lectured me for over 15 minutes on how I must add salt to my ice water. Um, no - I should not.

Everything he says is excessive. There is no moderation. It's 100% or nothing

The other day this led to a heated yelling match when I heard him tell my husband how he'd "fix" him with some quasimedical cure.

I totally lost it. To my shame, I behaved horribly. I yelled at him and told

him we do not need his "medical advice." I even said that his own parents don't listen to him, so why should we?

I was totally wrong talking to him the way I did.

I sent apologies the next morning to both my daughter and her boyfriend.

But now — what do I do? – Fed Up

Dear Fed Up: You don't know yet what the effect of your outburst will be. It might have shocked him into compliance. It has likely affected your daughter's interest in spending time with all of you together.

In addition to the outburst itself, you really should not have gotten "personal" with him, telling him how his own parents feel about his advice.

This man obviously has a passionate interest and obsessive personality, and he is dominating your get-togethers (and likely others').

I wonder how your daughter feels about his behavior, and how she copes with it?

The more you attack him (however justified), the more your daughter may feel forced closer to him.

You have already staked out your position. In the future, if he slips into this sort of monologue, you can excuse yourself from the room — and everyone will understand — and possibly be relieved.

Dear Amy: For the past four years, my husband and I have invited two ladies to join us in sharing a condo we rent in Mexico.

One woman, who I thought was a close friend, brought the other along and I grew to really like her. We enjoy them.

They get a real deal when they visit, as we charge them a minimal

It started out as seven days. Then they asked for two weeks, but I told them that 10 days was really my

The problem I'm having is that they are never in touch during the year. I'm not invited anywhere with them. Both women are divorced, and I am not, and perhaps that's part of it.

I wonder if I'm just being used as a nice place to stay in the winter. I recently saw on Face-

book that they're going to Florida for a vacation, and I'm hurt that I wasn't

Am I overreacting - or am I being played? - Left Out

Dear Left Out: I don't think you're being "played." I think that you and your husband are "that nice couple who sublet part of their nice condo in Cabo each year."

Because they are never in touch (until it's "Cabotime"), these two women are not in your friendzone. But if you enjoy their company, you should continue to rent to them, and if you'd like to be included in some of their adventures - you should let them know: "I saw on Facebook that you two were in Florida. If there's ever room for a third, I hope you'll let me know."

Dear Amy: Regarding the common problem of parents being "overrun" with their kids' toys, here's what my friend did: Once a month she would go into her children's room and create a pile of toys. She would tell her kids that in three days whatever was left in that pile would be donated.

The kids could take back whatever they wanted. She was always surprised with how much was still in the pile by the third day.

- Toy Lover!

Dear Toy Lover!: I like it!

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Cabello finds joy in her roots while working on new album

By Sigal Ratner-Arias Associated Press

Camila Cabello says she found joy in her roots while working on "Familia," her new studio album. The pop singer and songwriter, born in Havana to a Cuban mother and a Mexican father, immersed herself in the music she listened to while growing up and even ventured to write for the first time a couple of songs fully in Spanish.

"I was curious what the process would be, because my process in English is very like me on a mic, and I just sing whatever kind of comes to my head, including lyrics. So I was like, 'I wonder what's gonna come out in Spanish," she said in a recent interview.

The first thing that came out was "Hasta Los Dientes" (Spanish for "to the teeth"), a pop tune featuring Argentine urban singer Maria Becerra about feeling jealousy for a boyfriend's past. And then "Celia," a rhythmic song that seems to reference Celia Cruz, the Queen of Salsa, in the chorus.

Cabello's third solo album under Epic Records features 12 songs in English, Spanish and Spanglish, including the singles "Don't Go Yet" and "Bam Bam" with Ed Sheeran as well as collaborations with Willow ("psychofreak") and Cuban singer Yotuel ("Lola")

"My heritage and roots are such a big part of who I am, and more and more something that makes me feel really connected and joyful and something I wanna get closer with as I get older," she said referring to her parents and grandparents when asked about the title of the album, which in English means "family."

But she also mentioned



'Familia' Camila Cabello (Epic Records)

her close friends and collaborators, her "family by choice," as she called them. "It's like really about community and how important relationships are for me, and I think for all of us," she said.

Musically, the pop album features classic rhythms like mariachi, mixing the old and the new in songs like "La Buena Vida" ("The Good Life"), which Cabello sings in English accompanied by Mariachi Garibaldi de Jaime Cuellar, with a Spanish chorus sung by the Mexican band and the singer's father, Alejandro Cabello.

"That was one of the songs I wrote with (producers) Ricky (Reed), Cheche Alara and Edgar Barrera. We were playing songs that I listened to when I was a kid: I played some Alejandro Fernandez, we were listening to mariachi songs that my dad would play when I was younger. We were like, 'What can we do that is like interesting and weird?"

They tried combining a rhythmic pop song with mariachi and were excited with the result.

There's also "Lola" with Yotuel - which she co-wrote with Mike Sabath and Scott Harris about a woman that wants

"patria y vida" (homeland and life) as opposed to "homeland or death," Fidel Castro's motto. The line comes from the Latin Grammy-winning song of 2021 "Patria y Vida," by Yotuel, Descemer Bueno, El Funky, Gente de Zona, Yadam Gonzalez, Beatriz Luengo and Maykel Osorbo. It became an anthem of the demonstrations in Cuba after some of its authors dared to express their disagreement with the government for the first time.

To her, "Lola" represents not only the people from her native country but also from any other nation with systemic oppression where "talented, smart people don't get the same opportunities because of where they were born and where they live," said Cabello, who moved to Miami at

age 6. As for "Bam Bam," which many fans think is about her breakup with singer Shawn Mendes, Cabello said that "of course is something personal, every song (on the album) is whatever I was feeling that day (I wrote it)."

But with the catchy chorus "Asi es la vida, si/ Yeah, that's just life, baby," how did it come to be?

Well, I feel like in Latin music there are so many songs that have these kinds of life lessons in them ... like the impermanence of things and of hard times and good times," Cabello said, adding that, when she hits a bad time or a good time, her mom always says, "Asi es la vida (that's life) ... things catch you by surprise."

After writing the song with her team based on that principle, she said they sent it to Sheeran, who made some "amazing" changes and sent her the chord progression that can be heard on the album.

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19): Responsibilities currently threaten to interfere with your relationships. You may feel cut off from your loved ones right now, too bogged down with work. While you may not be able to get out of the commitment, remember this for the next time!

Taurus (April 20-May

20): Digging for answers might reveal something you didn't want to find. Although you probably won't be able to pretend that you didn't learn whatever you discover, you can use this new knowledge to approach someone in your life regarding how they've been acting lately.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): A recent ally of yours may misuse your loyalty. You could have had every intention of showing up and helping this person, but something might lead you to realize that you're putting your trust behind the wrong person. Don't spread your loyalty too thin.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Someone unexpected could be about to return from your past, threatening to send you back to square one. Whether they have malicious intent or are simply a bad influence on you, you now have the opportunity to restate any boundaries that you set between the two of you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): An unorganized area of your life might be creating unnecessary stress for you. You may have been meaning to deep clean or eat healthier, and it's likely nagging at you. Thankfully, someone who is a rock for

help you to be your best Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A recent lack of motivation can have you feeling stuck. Your desired goals likely aren't coming to you easily. Despite no one pushing you towards this goal, you

know that it's something

some time. Talking about it

might inspire new ways of

vou've wanted for quite

moving forward.

you conquered a similar

battle and is now ready to

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Heightened sensitivity could put you emotionally off balance. Someone may speak about a delicate subject for you, or even directly rile you up. Whether or not their hurtful words are intentional, it's up to you to keep your cool. Another peer may notice your resilience!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Travel could be derailed for you. You might be more forgetful than usual, creating opportunities to miss a bus or forget to fill your car up with gas. Don't beat yourself up if you're not thinking with your brain's normal strength. Just do your best and make a note of what to remember.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It could be time to take a break from frequent social activities. You have been responding to every invitation, but now you're likely feeling emotionally and mentally drained. Give yourself the freedom to be alone and decompress, because losing touch with your inner self is no way to live your life.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You could be getting in your own way right now. You have been putting too much focus on work and not making connections with coworkers, ending up with you trying to do everything alone. Make an effort to make a connection with someone you don't know very well.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A lack of direction could be holding you back. You have a wide range of interests, but you're left spinning your wheels while trying to decide a direction to go in. Consider picking one randomly and trying to develop it as much as you can. It's better to do something than nothing.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Multiple conflicting sources can be an issue. There may be too many people trying to give you advice. Your inner voice has been saying something, but you have been too scared to take your own advice. Consider asking the person who will live with the choice: you!

TODAY IN **HISTORY**

Associated Press

On April 16, 1889, comedian and movie director Charles Chaplin was born in London.

In 1945, in his first speech to Congress, President Harry S. Truman pledged to carry out the war and peace policies of his late predecessor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Also, a Soviet submarine in the Baltic Sea torpedoed and sank the MV Goya, which Germany was using to transport civilian refugees and wounded soldiers; it's estimated that up to 7,000 people died.

In 1972, Apollo 16 blasted off on a voyage to the moon. In 2007, a college senior killed 32 people on the campus of Virginia Tech before taking his own life.

In 2010, the U.S. government accused Wall Street's most powerful firm of fraud, saying Goldman Sachs & Co. had sold mortgage investments without telling buyers the securities were crafted with input from a client who was betting on them to fail.

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz









Classic Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau







Garfield By Jim Davis









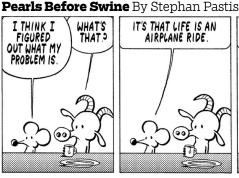


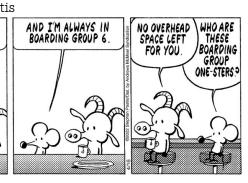
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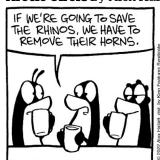
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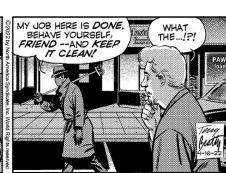


Mary Worth By Karen Moy and June Brigman



Rex Morgan, M.D. By Terry Beatty



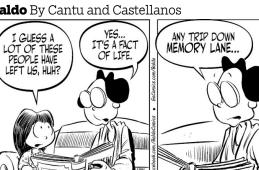


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Wizard Of Id By Johnny Hart and Brant Parker





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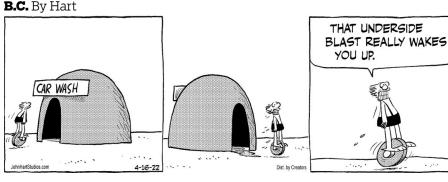
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Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker



Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne





Hagar The Horrible By Chris Browne



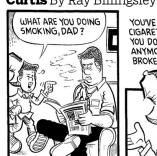


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Pickles By Brian Crane



Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



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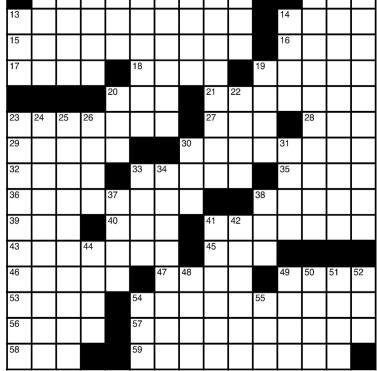
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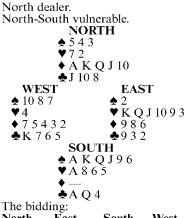
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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER



By John Ewbank

North South West East Pass Pass 6 🖈 four of hearts. Opening lead -

Ingenuity knows no bounds

Assume you're in six spades and West leads his singleton heart. You win East's nine with the ace and cash the A-K of trump, hoping to find the suit divided 2-2. In that case, you could concede a heart and easily make the rest of the tricks.

But when East shows out on the second trump lead, you have to abandon this method of play because you would automatically go down one after East took the heart at trick four and returned a heart, allowing West to score a trump trick.

One way of trying to salvage the contract would be to lead the queen of clubs at trick four, hoping West had the king and would be kind enough to take it.

This would create a club entry to dummy's beautiful diamonds. But when you consider that West will almost surely see through your scheme and duck the

queen, you should dismiss that idea. Another possibility is to lead a low club toward dummy instead of leading the queen. This would succeed if West also played low, but if he put up the king and returned a trump, you'd eventually find yourself down three.

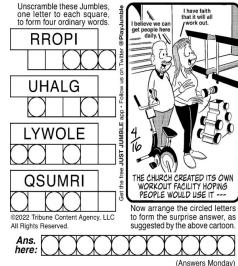
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By far the best possibility, though not easy to think of, is to lead the six of trump at trick four, purposely conceding a trick to

This unusual play — deliberately losing a trump trick that you don't have to lose - has everything to recommend it. It is a perfect Greek gift, since it guarantees the slam. After taking the ten, West is forced to return a club or a diamond. Either way and no matter who has the king of clubs you are sure to score the rest of the tricks.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



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TODAY'S SUDOKU

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WNBA

Williams ready to return to WNBA

Ex-UConn star excelled in EuroLeague play, winning championship

By Lila Bromberg Hartford Courant

Gabby Williams threw her hands on her forehead in utter disbelief. She had just been named EuroLeague Final Four MVP after leading Sopron Basket to its first championship on Sunday.

A smile crept over her face as she walked up to accept the trophy. She turned to face her team standing on the stage behind her and outstretched both arms, holding up the golden ball in a celebratory pose. Beaming with pride as she paced back and forth, the wave of emotion slowly washed over the former UConn women's basketball star.

"I looked at my teammates and I was like, 'What just happened? This doesn't seem real,' "Williams told The Courant over a video call from Hungary earlier this week.

Days later, it still hasn't fully sunk in for Williams. What she does feel is a sense of relief. After navigating a year with trying situations and emotional highs and lows, Williams can finally let out a much-needed exhale.

"This year was super hard," she admits. "... For it to end the way it did, I couldn't have written it any better. I didn't go into this year thinking I was going to be EuroLeague champion or MVP. Not at all. I was just trying to take it day by day. And the fact that it turned out that way, I just really feel like I can kind of breathe again."

Shocking suspension

Around this time last year, Williams says she was blindsided when Chicago Sky head coach and general manager James Wade placed her on the WNBA's full-season suspended list following her decision to play for the French national team in the Olympics.

The designation barred her from playing for the Sky or any other team in the league for the entirety of the 2021 season, and she also lost her unprotected \$70,040 salary. The Sky were given back the cap space to sign another player while still holding on to her rights.

"No one really knows what went on outside of me and James [Wade]," Williams insists. "But I can tell you it was a very tough moment in my life, very up and down and emotionally and physically exhausting. [I was] told, 'Yeah, go ahead, you can play for France. I support you,' ... [then] waking up to an email that says you've been suspended after just having that conversation. So, of course, that took a toll on me."

At the time of the suspension, Wade told reporters that he and Williams didn't have any sort of agreement in place. "We needed our group of 11," he said at the time.

"We didn't want to put our players behind the eight ball because we only start the season with eight or nine when we didn't have to."

The move was shocking for Williams. She was eventually traded to the Los Angeles Sparks in

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France's Gabby Williams shoots during a women's basketball practice at last summer's Tokyo Olympics, where she averaged 10.7 points, 6.2 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 2.8 steals per game. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP



Boston Red Sox shortstop Xander Bogaerts (2) reacts after not turning the double play as the Red Sox take on the Twins at Fenway Park on Opening Day on Friday in Boston. **STUART CAHILL/BOSTON HERALD**

TWINS 8, RED SOX 4

Ryan in control this time around

Rookie hurler, Twins' potent sticks ruin home opener for Sox

By Kyle Hightower Associated Press

BOSTON — Joe Ryan let control issues get the best of him during a chilly season-opening loss to Seat-

The rookie Twins right-hander took advantage of pristine weather in his second start of the season to tame the Red Sox in his first visit to Fenway Park.

Ryan allowed one run over six innings, Miguel Sanó hit a two-run homer and Minnesota beat the Red

Sox 8-4 on Friday in Boston's home opener.

opener.
Luis Arraez and Gary Sánchez
drove in two runs apiece for the
Twins, who were outscored 14-2

by the Dodgers in their previous two games, both losses.

With Fenway at full capacity for the first time since 2019, Ryan (1-1)

— the Twins' opening-day starter who made four appearances last year but retained his rookie status

— kept the Red Sox offbalance with

seven and walking none.

He threw 60 of his 82 pitches for strikes and gave up a second-inning homer to Alex Verdugo.

his pinpoint slider, striking out

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A statue of the late Mets pitcher Tom Seaver is unveiled outside CitiField on Friday before a game between the Mets and Arizona Diamondbacks in New York. JOHN MINCHILLO / AP

METS 10, DIAMONDBACKS 3

Statue of Seaver gets unveiled at Citi Field

And after pregame ceremony, the fun continues in home opener

By Mike Fitzpatrick Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Franchise is finally on display outside Citi Field.

A long-awaited statue of pitcher Tom Seaver was unveiled Friday by the New York Mets in a 40-minute ceremony that began about 2 ½ hours before their home opener against Arizona.

With thousands of fans gathered around, cellphones held high and craning their necks to see, the late Hall of Famer's wife and two daughters were front and center for the festivities.

Many outside then went inside, and the sellout crowd of 43,820 was treated to an 10-3 win over the Diamondbacks as Francisco Lindor homered twice and pitcher Chris Bassitt gave New York another in a string of strong starts.

Following an introduction from longtime Mets radio announcer Howie Rose and speeches by owner Steve Cohen and former slugger Mike Piazza, the blue curtain was pulled away to reveal a striking monument that stands 10 feet tall and 13 ½ feet long. It depicts Seaver in the middle of his classic drop-and-drive delivery,

baseball in his right hand.
"Hello, Tom," said his emotional
widow Nancy, choking back tears.
"It's so nice to have you here where
you belong."

The sculpture by William

Behrends — who also designed and created statues of Willie Mays in San Francisco and Tony Gwynn in San Diego — weighs 3,200 pounds (2,000 pounds of bronze and 1,200 pounds of structural stainless steel). The granite pitcher's mound came in nine pieces that weighed 33,600 pounds and added about 3 feet in height.

"Tom Seaver is our royalty," Piazza said.

The statue was placed next to the Mets' popular home-run apple from old Shea Stadium in front of the Jackie Robinson Rotunda that serves as the main entrance to Citi Field. Fans streaming off the elevated No. 7 subway train are now greeted by the Seaver memorial just beyond the foot of the steps they descend.

"When I was a kid, when I thought of the Mets, I thought of Tom Seaver," said Cohen, a long-time fan even before he bought the club. "He transformed the Mets, transfixed New York and won the hearts of Mets fans."

Seaver won three Cy Young Awards during 12 seasons with New York and pitched the Miracle Mets to the club's first World Series championship in 1969 earning him the nickname "The Franchise."

"They could have built a statue for him right then and there," Rose

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UCONN MEN'S HOCKEY

Cavanaugh in the mix for Boston College job

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

Mike Cavanaugh, who shepherded UConn into Hockey East in 2014 and came within an overtime goal of conquering the conference last month, could have a tough decision to make.

Boston College, one of the premier programs in men's hockey, is looking for a new coach to replace Jerry York, who is retiring after 28 years. Cavanaugh is in the mix to replace him, according to multiple sources.

to multiple sources. Cavanaugh, 53, a native of North Andover, Mass., was an assistant under York at BC from 1995 to 2013, a part of four national championship teams. While Cavanaugh has made impressive strides in building the UConn program and building ties in Connecticut, he grew up in the Boston area's college hockey culture and the chance to return to Boston College has to be a dream

destination.

The Boston University job is also open. Albie O'Connell was fired following a loss to UConn in the Hockey East quarterfinals.

Cavanaugh didn't respond to a text seeking comment. Several

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UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA First Round vs. Nets (Game 1), Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; NBA First Round vs. Nets (Game 2), Wednesday, 7 p.m.; NBA First Round at Nets (Game 3), April 23, time TBD **Nets:** NBA First Round at Celtics (Game 1), Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; NBA First Round at Celtics (Game 2), Wednesday, 7 p.m.; NBA First Round vs. Celtics (Game 3), April 23, time

Bruins: Penguins, Saturday, 12:30 p.m.; at Blues, Tuesday, 8 p.m.; at Penguins, Thursday, 7 p.m. Rangers: Red Wings, Saturday, 12:30 p.m.; Jets, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Islanders, Thursday, 7:30

Wolf Pack: at Rochester, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Charlotte, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Bridgeport, April 23, 7 p.m.

Red Sox: Twins, Saturday, 4 p.m.; Twins, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Twins, Monday, 11 a.m. Yankees: at Orioles Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Tigers, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Mets: Diamondbacks, Saturday, 1 p.m.: Diamondbacks, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Giants, Monday, 7 p.m.

Yard Goats: at New Hampshire, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.; at New Hampshire, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Somerset, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

ON AIR

AUTO RACING 8 p.m.: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Pinty's Truck Race on Dirt. (Live) FS1

BASEBALL 1p.m.: Arizona

Diamondbacks at New York Mets. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880

2 p.m.: Kentucky at Missouri. (Live) SEC 3 p.m.: Oakland Athletics at Toronto Blue Jays. (Live) SPRTNFT

4 p.m.: Atlanta Braves at San Diego Padres. (Live)

4 p.m.: Minnesota Twins at Boston Red Sox. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080

7 p.m.: Florida at Vanderbilt. (Live) SEC 7 p.m.: New York Yankees

at Baltimore Orioles. (Live), YES, Radio: 97.9 10 p.m.: Regional Coverage.

BASKETBALL

1 p.m.: Utah Jazz at Dallas Mavericks. (Live) ESPN 3:30 p.m.: TBA at Memphis Grizzlies. (Live) ESPN **6 p.m.:** Toronto Raptors at Philadelphia 76ers. (Live)

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Sail Grand Prix - Grand Final. (Taped) CBS **BOWLING**

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Championships. (Live) **ESPNU BOXING**

7 p.m.: Radzhab Butaev vs. Eimantas Stanionis. (Live)

FOOTBALL

12 p.m.: Miami Spring Game. (Live) ACC 1p.m.: Georgia Spring Game. (Live) ESPN2 2 p.m.: Wake Forest Spring Game. (Live) ACC 4 p.m.: Virginia Tech Spring Game. (Live) ACC 7:30 p.m.: USFL Football New Jersey Generals vs Birmingham Stallions. (Live) FOX NBC

GOLF 1 p.m.: RBC Heritage, Third Round. (Live) GOLF 3 p.m.: RBC Heritage, Third Round. (Live) CBS 7p.m.: LOTTE Championship, Final Round.

(Live) GOLF **GYMNASTICS**

1p.m.: Women's College } NCAA Championship. (Live)

HOCKEY 12:30 p.m.: Pittsburgh Penguins at Boston Bruins. (Live), NESN

12:30 p.m.: Detroit Red Wings at New York Rangers. (Live), MSG.

3 p.m.: Minnesota Wild at St. Louis Blues. (Live) ABC 7 p.m.: Washington Capitals at Montreal Canadiens. (Live) SPRTNET

7 p.m.: Toronto Maple Leafs at Ottawa Senators. (Live)

YANKEES

Chapman victim of quick hook

Struggles with command makes closer vulernable

By Kristie Ackert New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Aroldis Chapman threw 16 pitches Thursday night. Only four of them found the strike zone. The Yankees' closer for the last seven years, the 34-yearold has struggled with fastball command over the past

Thursday night, Aaron Boone couldn't wait out another rollercoaster ride. As soon as Chapman walked his third batter, the minimum he had to face under MLB rules, the Yankees manager was slowly walking out to the mound to take the ball from Chapman.

"It's a tough call," Boone said after the game.

But it's one the Yankees have clearly already made. After seeing Chapman struggle last year - to the point where Boone was going to Jonathan Loaisiga to close while he gave time for the veteran closer to work out his issues - the Yankees had a quick hook with him.

"The fastball command was not sharp tonight, a little out of zone," Chapman said through Yankees translator Marlon Abreu. "But the good thing is guys went in there and did an excellent job and they were able to win this game."

Mike King went in and cleaned up the mess for his first big league save. He attacked George Springer and struck him out on three pitches and then coaxed a pop-up double play from Bo

So, yes, the Yankees were able to pull out the 3-0 win, but they also have to be



New York Yankees relief pitcher Aroldis Chapman, right, hands the ball to manager Aaron Boone as he leaves during the ninth inning against the Toronto Blue Jays on Thursday in New York. FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

concerned about Chapman.

Chapman had not just walked three straight batters, but he had walked the bottom of the Blue Jays' lineup to load the bases and put the tying run at the plate. He's had these moments before and then he suddenly snaps out of it and wiggles out of the jam.

"I felt like he could have

gotten out of it," Boone said of Chapman. "I didn't feel like he was too far off by any means.... Just one of those nights."

But the Cuban native is coming off one of the worst seasons of his career in 2021 and going into the final year on his contract with the Yankees with questions hanging over him.

Chapman finished with a 3.36 ERA (the second highest of his career) and allowed nine home runs, the most he has allowed in an MLB season. He also had one of the worst walk rates (15.6%) of any pitcher in baseball and hitters had the highest hard-contact rate off Chap-

man in his career. This spring the Yankees sat Chapman down and talked to him about pitching in the eighth inning in high-leverage situations. He bought into the idea, saying he's here to pitch and help the team win.

Thursday night, Chapman did not question Boone's

"Like I said, it worked out. So, good decision," Chapman

RED SOX NOTES

No 'X' on dotted line — and no comment from Bogaerts

By Alex Speier Boston Globe

BOSTON — Xander Bogaerts, who has the ability to opt out of his six-year, \$120 million deal following the 2022 season, declined to comment on the New York Post report that the Red Sox offered to add one year and \$30 million to the remaining three years and \$60 million of his deal.

"You'll got to talk to my agent about that one. I don't want to get into it," Bogaerts said Friday at Fenway, where the Red Sox dropped their home opener to the Twins, 8-4. "I won't comment on

Red Sox chief baseball officer Chaim Bloom likewise declined to comment about the specifics of the Sox' offer to their All-Star shortstop.

"My own view is that we shouldn't get into that type of stuff. It's just not our place," Bloom said. "I'm not going to confirm, deny, refute, or any of that."

He did, however, make clear the extent of the Sox' commitment to Bogaerts in 2022. The Sox signed free agent Trevor Story to a six-year, \$140 million contract, a deal made possito move from shortstop to second base. Asked if he would have considered signing a shortstop who would not have moved in deference. to Bogaerts — in a free-agent class that included Carlos Correa and Corey Seager -Bloom was direct.

"The simplest way to put this is that Xander is our shortstop and we weren't going to change that this winter for anybody," Bloom

Bogaerts went 0 for 4 with

three strikeouts Friday his second three-strikeout ble by Story's willingness game this season (he had six in all of 2021). Manager Alex Cora downplayed the possibility that the Opening Day hamstring injury has contributed to a 2-for-18 stretch with eight strikeouts for Bogaerts.

"Right now, he's off balance, chasing pitches," Cora said. "You go through stretches like this during the season. It just happens that it's early in the season and it's magnified."

A Fenway reunion for Bradley: Jackie Bradley Jr.

played in an empty Fenway Park in 2020, then signed a two-year deal with the Brewers that offseason. But following a trade back to the Red Sox last December, Bradley made his first return to Fenway in a year and a half, this time with fans in the stands. He received perhaps the largest ovation of anyone before the game, a fact that was not lost on him.

"It was special. I'm thankful for all of the cheers. It's good to be back," said Bradley, who went 2 for 3 with a bunt single (his first since 2020) and a double.

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"It's a nice pitch to have and I like where it's coming in," Ryan said.

He also showed poise in working out a jam. With the Twins leading 4-1, Boston got two on with one out in the fourth, but Ryan got Verdugo to ground into a double play.

That was huge," Ryan said. "Obviously, [it's] what you're looking for there."

Red Sox starter Nick

Pivetta (0-2) lasted only two innings, allowing four runs on five hits with two walks and a pair of strikeouts. In his two starts this season he's surrendered nine hits, eight runs and three homers over 7 % innings

"He didn't have command," manager Alex Cora said. "His stuff wasn't there."

Trailing 6-1 in the eighth, Boston pulled within 6-4 when Kiké Hernández hit an RBI double off Jhoan Durant and Rafael Devers followed

with a two-run homer. Durant settled down after that, striking out Xander Bogaerts and J.D. Martinez.

When we got close, we walked too many people," Cora said. "They put the ball in play. Overall, it wasn't great."

The Twins scored two runs in the ninth against Matt Barnes.

"Our guys being able to go out there and have some good at-bats late in the game and add two runs to the scoreboard — that's the difference between winning and losing a lot of games," Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said.

Minnesota benefited from some shaky Boston defense to take the early lead. Byron Buxton lifted a

popup to shallow left in the first inning that Verdugo lost in the sun, allowing Buxton to slide safely into second for a double.

Buxton got his leg caught underneath him as he popped up and slammed his hand into the dirt in frustration. The oft-injured player was immediately pulled with what the team said was right knee soreness.

Nick Gordon replaced him and scored on a single by Arraez.

Sanó's homer made it 3-0 in the second. Then, with two outs, Gordon singled to center and scored on a double by Arraez.

Verdugo's second homer of the season got Boston on the board in the second.

The Twins got two more runs in the fifth.

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said.

Seaver went 198-124 with a 2.57 ERA and 2,541 strikeouts for the Mets and remains the club's career leader in wins, ERA, strikeouts, shutouts (44), complete games (171) and starts (395). He also played for Cincinnati, the Chicago White Sox and Boston during his 20-year career, finishing with 311 wins, a 2.86 ERA and 3,640 strikeouts from 1967-86.

The Mets retired his No. 41 in 1988, and he was inducted into the baseball Hall of Fame in 1992.

Seaver died at 75 in his native California on Aug. 31,

"I refuse to speak of Tom Seaver in the past tense," Rose said. "I'm sure we all feel his presence right here, right now."

Meanwhile, inside Citi Field, Lindor homered from both sides of the plate to back another stingy start from

Starling Marte launched a three-run shot in his first home game with the Mets, and Robinson Canó connected for the first time since September 2020 after serving his second suspension for performance-enhancing drugs last season.

The Mets homered four times in their home opener for the first time.

Pete Alonso lofted a pair of early sacrifice flies for New York (6-2), which has the most wins in the majors. Travis Jankowski, subbing in center field after two Mets outfielders went on the COVID-19 injured list, had three hits.

Acquired from Oakland in a trade last month, Bassitt (2-0) allowed one run and two hits in six innings. He received a warm ovation from the sellout crowd of 43,820 as he walked off the mound at the end of his Citi

Field debut. Follow-up MRI for deGrom: Jacob deGrom spoke to reporters Friday for the first time since he learned earlier this month about a stress reaction on his right scapula. The Mets ace, in good spirits, traveled to Citi Field for the home opener and to attend the Tom Seaver statue ceremony.

He did not travel with the team for its first two road series of the year.

DeGrom will return to Florida on Saturday. He has a follow-up MRI scheduled next week, and if his shoulder has improved he



Robinson Cano, right, hugs Mets teammate Francisco Lindor after hitting a solo home run off Arizona Diamondbacks starter Zach Davies in the fourth inning Friday in New York. JOHN MINCHILLO / AP

is expected to be cleared to A New York Daily News rebegin throwing sometime at port is included in this story. the start of May.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Tampa Bay	4	3	.571	_	_	4-3	L-2	4-3	0-0
Toronto	4	3	.571	_	_	4-3	L-1	2-1	2-2
Boston	3	4	.429	1	1	3-4	L-1	0-1	3-3
Baltimore	1	5	.167	2 ½	2 ½	1-5	L-2	1-2	0-3
CENTRAL	w	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	номе	AWAY
Chicago	4	2	.667	_	_	4-2	L-1	2-1	2-1
Cleveland	4	2	.667	_	-	4-2	W-4	0-0	4-2
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Minnesota	3	4	.429	1½	1	3-4	W-1	2-4	1-0
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Oakland	4	3	.571	1/2	_	4-3	W-2	0-0	4-3
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Seattle	3	4	.429	1 ½	1	3-4	W-1	0-0	3-4
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Atlanta	3	5	.375	3	2	3-5	L-2	3-4	0-1
Washington	3	5	.375	3	2	3-5	L-1	1-3	2-2
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Cincinnati	2	5	.286	2 ½	2 ½	2-5	L-3	0-2	2-3
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San Francisco	4	2	.667	_	_	4-2	W-2	4-2	0-0
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Arizona	2	5	.286	2 ½	2 1/2	2-5	L-1	2-4	0-1

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

BOX SCORES N.Y. METS 10, ARIZONA 3									
Arizona	ΑB	R	н	ВІ	so	AVG			
Varsho cf	4	1	1	1	2	.150			
K.Marte 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.160			
Peralta If	2	0	0	0	1	.160			
b-McCarthy p	h 1	0	0	0	1	.143			
Walker 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.136			
c-Hummel ph	0	1	0	0	0	.167			
P.Smith rf	3	1	0	0	1	.167			
Beer dh	4	0	1	1	2	.294			
Alcantara 3b-	ss4	0	0	1	1	.100			
Herrera c	3	0	0	0	1	.000			
Perdomo ss	1	0	0	0	1	.063			
a-Hrnandz ph-	3b0	0	0	0	0	.000			
TOTALS	29	3	3	3	11				
New York	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG			
McNeil If	5	1	2	0	0	.333			
S.Marte rf	5	3	3	3	0	.290			
Plummer rf	0	0	0	0	0				
Lindor ss	3	3	2	3	0	.296			
Alonso 1b	1	0	0	2	1	.258			
Escobar 3b	5	0	1	1	2	.250			
Cano 2b	4	1	1	1	0				
Cano 2b Guillorme 2b	0	0	0	0	0	.000			
Cano 2b Guillorme 2b Davis dh	0	0	0	0	0	.211 .000 .182			
Cano 2b Guillorme 2b Davis dh Jankowski cf	0 3 4	0 1 1	0 0 3	0	0 2 0	.000 .182			
Cano 2b Guillorme 2b Davis dh Jankowski cf McCann c	0 3 4 4	0 1 1 0	0 0 3 0	0 0 0	0 2 0 0	.000			
Cano 2b Guillorme 2b Davis dh Jankowski cf	0 3 4	0 1 1	0 0 3	0	0 2 0	.000 .182			

a-walked for Perdomo in the 8th. b-struck out for Peralta in the 9th. c-walked for Walker in the 9th.

E: Peralta (2), Herrera (1). LOB: Arizona 5, New York 7.
2B: K.Marte (2), Beer (1), Escobar (4).
HR: Varsho (1), off Bassitt; Cano (1), off Davies; Lindor (2), off Davies; S.Marte (1), off C.Smith; Lindor (3), off C.Smith. RBIs: Varsho (1), Beer (5), Alcantara (1), Alonso 2(12), Cano (3), Lindor 3(7), Escobar (2), S.Marte 3(8). SB: Lindor (2). CS: Perdomo (1). SF: Alonso 2.

Runners left in scoring position: Arizona 2(P.Smith, Herrera); New York 3(Escobar, McCann, Cano) Runners moved up: Alcantara. DP: New York 1(McCann, Lindor, McCann)

ARIZONA	IΡ	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Davies, L, 0-1 Wendelken	41/3 2/3	7	5	4	1	2	5.79 0.00
C.Smith	3	0 5	0 5	0 5	3		20.25
NEW YORK	IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	ERA
Bassitt, W, 2-0	6	2	1	1	2	6	0.75
Shreve	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.70

(Alonso). **Umpires:** Home, Brian O'Nora; First, Chad Fairchild; Second, Manny Gonzalez; Third, Laz Diaz.

HBP: Bassitt (Perdomo), Wendelken

A: 43,820(41,922). LATE THURSDAY:

PITTSBURG	iH 9,	WA	SHI	NG	TON	14
Washington	AB	R	Н	ВІ	SO	AVG
C.Hernandez	2b4	1	1	0	1	.273
Soto rf	4	0	0	0	2	.241
Cruz dh	4	1	1	0	3	.179
Bell 1b	3	2	0	0	0	.310
Ruiz c	5	0	2	1	0	.320
Y.Hernandez	lf 4	0	3	2	1	.412
Franco 3b	3	0	0	1	2	.310
Thomas cf	3	0	0	0	0	.136
Escobar ss	4	0	1	0	2	.087
TOTALS	34	4	8	4	11	
Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	ВІ	SO	AVG
		R	H	BI 2	SO	.389
Pittsburgh						
Pittsburgh Vogelbach dl	1 6	3	4	2	1	.389
Pittsburgh Vogelbach dl Reynolds cf Hayes 3b Tsutsugo 1b	1 6 3	3	4 2	2	1 0	.389
Pittsburgh Vogelbach di Reynolds cf Hayes 3b	1 6 3 4	3 1 0	4 2 0	2 2 0	1 0 2	.389 .280 .409
Vogelbach dl Reynolds cf Hayes 3b Tsutsugo 1b Gamel If-rf Newman ss	1 6 3 4 3 3 4	3 1 0 1 1 1	4 2 0 1 1	2 2 0 1 1 2	1 0 2 1 1	.389 .280 .409 .238 .267
Pittsburgh Vogelbach dl Reynolds cf Hayes 3b Tsutsugo 1b Gamel If-rf	1 6 3 4 3 3	3 1 0 1	4 2 0 1 1	2 2 0 1	1 0 2 1 1	.389 .280 .409 .238 .267
Vogelbach dl Reynolds cf Hayes 3b Tsutsugo 1b Gamel If-rf Newman ss	1 6 3 4 3 4 5 4	3 1 0 1 1 1	4 2 0 1 1	2 2 0 1 1 2	1 0 2 1 1	.389 .280 .409 .238 .267
Pittsburgh Vogelbach dl Reynolds cf Hayes 3b Tsutsugo 1b Gamel If-rf Newman ss Tucker 2b Perez c Park rf	1 6 3 4 3 3 4 5 4 3	3 1 0 1 1 1 0 1	4 2 0 1 1 1 3 1 0	2 2 0 1 1 2 0 1	1 0 2 1 1 1 2 2	.389 .280 .409 .238 .267 .217 .200 .294 .125
Pittsburgh Vogelbach dl Reynolds cf Hayes 3b Tsutsugo 1b Gamel If-rf Newman ss Tucker 2b Perez c	1 6 3 4 3 4 5 4	3 1 0 1 1 1 0 1	4 2 0 1 1 1 3 1	2 2 0 1 1 2 0 1	1 0 2 1 1 1 1 2	.389 .280 .409 .238 .267 .217 .200

300 010 000 - 4 8 1 104 011 20x - 9 14 1 Pittsburgh E: Franco (1), Park (1), LOB: Washington 10, Pittsburgh 13. 2B: Newman (3), Vogelbach (1). 3B: Tucker (1). HR: Vogelbach (1), off Adon; Reynolds (2), off Adon. RBIs: Ruiz (1), Y.Hernandez 2(3), Franco (8), Vogelbach 2(2), Reynolds 2(3), Newman 2(5), Perez (1), Tsutsugo (3), Gamel (4). SB: Hayes (2), Tucker (1). SF: Franco, Tsutsugo.
Runners left in scoring position: Wash-

Washington

ington 6(Thomas 3, Soto, C.Hernandez, Ruiz); Pittsburgh 8(Newman 3, Perez, Park, Tucker 2, Vogelbach). RISP: Washington 3for 11; Pittsburgh 4 for 16. Runners moved up: Bell.

WASHINGTON	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Adon, L, 0-2 Harvey	4 ² / ₃	9	6	6	3	5 1	10.00
Machado Murphy Arano	1 1 1	1 2 1	1 2 0	1 2 0	3	1 2 3	6.23 7.36 3.86
PITTSBURGH	ΙP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	ERA
Brubaker Banda Contreras, W, 1-	41/3 2/3 0 3	5 2 1	4 0 0	4 0 0	4 0 1	5 0 5	9.82 2.70 3.86 18.00

Pitches-Strikes: Adon 91-55; Harvey 11-7: Machado 34-16: Murphy 38-21: Arano 23-12; Brubaker 82-49; Banda 14-11; Contreras 46-30; Fletcher 13-9. Batters Faced: Adon 25: Harvey 2; Machado 7; Murphy 8; Arano 4; Brubaker 22; Banda 4; Contreras 11;

Inherited runners-scored: Harvey 2-1, WP: Adon, Murphy, Arano, Brubaker.

PB: Perez (1). **Umpires:** Home, Jansen Visconti; First, Rvan Wills: Second, Jerry Meals: Third. Ed Hickox. T: 3:37. A: 9,266(38,747).

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

1929: Cleveland's Earl Averill became the first American League player to hit a home run in his first major league plate appearance. The Indians won the game 5-4 in 11 innings on Carl Lind's

1935: Babe Ruth, 40, made a sensational National League debut in Boston. His single and homer off Carl Hubbell led the Braves over the Giants 4-2. 1940: Bob Feller of Cleveland defeated the Chicago White Sox 1-0 in the only opening day no-hitter in major league

1948: WGN-TV televised a baseball

MINNECOTA	0 D	061	ON	4		
MINNESOTA	-					****
Minnesota	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Buxton cf	1	0	1	0	0	.250
1-Gordon pr-c		2	1	0	1	.250
a-Garlick ph-r		0	0	0	1	.000
Arraez 3b	4	0	2	2	0	.350
Urshela 3b	0	0	0	0	0	.214
Correa ss	3	2	0	0	1	.182
Polanco 2b	3	2	1	0	2	.250
Kepler rf-cf	4	0	1	1	2	.182
Sanchez dh	4	0	1	2	2	.227
Larnach If	4	1	0	1	1	.000
Sano 1b	4	1	1	2	1	.043
Jeffers c	3	0	0	0	2	.188
TOTALS	34	8	8	8	13	
Boston	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Hernandez cf	4	1	1	1	1	.167
Devers 3b	4	1	2	2	0	.367
Bogaerts ss	4	0	0	0	3	.217
Martinez dh	4	0	1	0	3	.269
Verdugo If	4	1	1	1	0	.292
Story 2b	4	0	1	0	3	.235
Dalbec 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.174
Bradley Jr. rf	3	1	2	0	0	.222
Vazquez c	3	0	0	0	2	.118
TOTALS	34	4	8	4	13	
Minnesota	130	020	002	_	. 8	8 0
Boston	010				. 4	8 1

a-struck out for Gordon in the 8th. 1-ran for Buxton in the 1st. E: Hernandez (1). LOB: Minnesota 9, Boston 3. **2B:** Buxton (3), Arraez (1), Polanco (2), Bradley Jr. (3), Hernandez (4). **HR:** Sano (1), off Pivetta; Verdugo (2), off Ryan; Devers (2), off Duran. **RBIs:** Arraez 2(4), Sano 2(2), Sanchez 2(7), Kepler (3), Larnach (1), Verdugo (5), Hernandez (4), Devers 2(7). **SB:** Kepler (1), Sano (1). CS: Arraez (1).

Runners left in scoring position: Minnesota 6(Larnach, Correa, Garlick, Sano 2, Arraez); Boston 1(Hernandez). RISP: Minnesota 3for 12: Boston 2for 6 Runners moved up: Sanchez, Larnach. GIDP: Correa, Verdugo. DP: Minnesota 1(Polanco, Correa, Sano); Boston 1(Bogaerts, Story,

MINNESOTA	IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	so	ERA
Ryan, W, 1-1 Duran	6	5	1	1 3	0	7	2.70 5.40
Pagan	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.00
BOSTON	IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	ERA
Pivetta, L, 0-2	2	5	4	4	2	2	9.39
Valdez	2	0	0	0	1	4	0.00
Sawamura	2	2	2	2	2	1	4.91
Brasier	1	0	0	0	0	3	3.38
Davis	1	0	0	0	1	3	9.00
Parnoc		4	າ	2	າ	0	6 00

HBP: Valdez (Kepler), Barnes (Sanchez). Umpires: Home, Jerry Layne; First, Hunter Wendelstedt; Second, Chad Whitson; Third, Adam Hamari. T: 3:33. A: 36,266(37,755).

LATE THURSDAY: SAN DIEGO 12, ATLANTA 1

Atlanta	AB	R	Н	ВІ	SO	A۱	/G
Albies 2b	4	1	1	1	2	.2!	50
Olson 1b	4	0	2	0	1	.40	07
Riley 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.28	36
Ozuna If	4	0	1	0	0	.3	13
d'Arnaud c	4	0	0	0	0	.28	36
Rosario rf	3	0	0	0	1	.04	43
Duvall cf	3	0	1	0	1	.2	50
Dickerson dh	3	0	1	0	1	.0	77
Swanson ss	3	0	0	0	1	.14	43
TOTALS	32	1	6	1	9		
San Diego	AB	R	Н	BI	S0	A۱	/G
Grisham cf	5	0	0	0	2	.13	18
Nola c	4	3	1	1	0	.20	51
Machado 3b	6	4	5	2	0	.34	44
Cronenworth	2b3	1	1	0	1	.29	96
Voit dh	5	1	2	3	1	.23	31
Hosmer 1b	5	1	4	2	0	.40	52
Myers rf	5	1	2	2	1	.2	19
Profar If	2	0	0	1	0	.3	16
Abrams ss	5	1	1	1	1	.10	05
TOTALS	40	12	16	12	6		
Atlanta			0 00	_	- 1	6	3
San Diego	32	0 00	2 23	x -	- 12	16	0

E: Rosario 2(3), Albies (1). LOB: Atlanta 4. San Diego 12. 2B: Olson (3). Voit (1), Hosmer 2(5).

HR: Albies (2), off Avila; Abrams (1), off Morton; Machado (1), off Smith. **RBIs:** Albies (6), Hosmer 2(3), Myers 2 (3), Abrams (1), Voit 3(4), Machado 2 (5), Profar (8), Nola (6). SB: Machado 2 (3), Nola (1), CS: Machado (0)SF: Profar.

Runners left in scoring position: Atlanta 3(Albies, d'Arnaud 2); San Diego 7(Profar 2, Hosmer 2, Grisham 2. Voit, Machado). RISP: Atlanta Ofor 6: San Diego 7for 19. **Runners moved up:** Swanson, Ozuna, Abrams, Myers. GIDP: Swanson, Voit. **DP:** Atlanta 1(Swanson, Albies, Olson); San Diego 1(Cronenworth, Hosmer).

ATLANTA	ΙP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	so	ERA
Morton, L, 1-1	5	9	5	5	3	5	6.10
Newcomb	1	3	2	2	1	1	7.36
Smith	1	1	2	0	0	0	3.00
Thornburg	1	3	3	1	1	0	2.70
SAN DIEGO	ΙP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	ERA
Musgrove, W, 1-0	62/3	4	0	0	0	6	1.42
Hill	1/3	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Stammen	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.00
Avila	1	2	1	1	0	2	9.00
Pitches-Strikes	s: M	lort	on	95-	58;		
Newcomb 23-1	3; S	mi	th :	17-1	0; T	hor	n-
burg 33-20; Mu	sgr	ove	89	-65	; Hil	14-3	3;
Stammon 15-8	· Āv	ila	16-	10			

Stammen 15-8; Avila 16-10. **Ground Balls-Fly Balls:** Morton 8-6; Newcomb 1-0; Smith 1-2; Thornburg 3-2; Musgrove 9-4; Hill 0-1; Stammen 2-0: Avila 0-2. Batters Faced: Morton 28; Newcomb 7;

Smith 5; Thornburg 8; Musgrove 23; Hill 1: Stammen 3: Avila 5. HBP: Morton 2(Nola, Cronenworth). Umpires: Home, Brian Knight: First,

Roberto Ortiz; Second, Bill Miller; Third, Doug Eddings. **T:** 3:07. A: 44,844 (40,209).

game for the first time. It was an exhibition game at Wrigley Field with Jack Brickhouse doing the play-by-play. The White Sox defeated the Cubs 4-1. 1972: Burt Hooton of the Cubs no-hit the Philadelphia Phillies 4-0 at Wrigley

1978: Bob Forsch of the St. Louis Cardinals no-hit the Philadelphia Phillies 5-0. Less than a year later, Bob's brother Ken of the Houston Astros pitched a no-hitter against Atlanta. They are the only brothers to throw no-hitters. 1984: Dave Kingman of the Oakland A's hit three home runs, including a grand slam, in his first three at-bats. In total, he drove in eight runs in a 9-6 victory over the Seattle Mariners.

LATE THURSDAY: MILWAUKEE 5, ST. LOUIS 1

St. Louis	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Carlson rf	4	0	0	0	0	.278
Goldschmidt	1b3	0	0	0	1	.188
O'Neill If	4	0	0	0	0	.176
Arenado 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.400
Pujols dh	3	0	1	0	0	.333
DeJong ss	4	0	0	0	2	.176
Bader cf	3	0	1	0	1	.222
Molina c	3	0	1	0	0	.133
Edman 2b	2	1	1	1	1	.400
TOTALS	30	1	5	1	5	
Milwaukee	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Wong 2b	4	1	2	1	0	.240
Adames ss	4	0	0	0	2	.222
Yelich If	4	1	1	0	1	.261
McCutchen of	lh 4	0	1	1	1	.250
Tellez 1b	3	1	1	0	1	.316
Renfroe rf	4	0	1	1	3	.160
Narvaez c	4	1	2	2	1	.250
Cain cf	4	0	0	0	2	.188
Peterson 3b	2	1	1	0	0	.083
TOTALS	33	5	9	5	11	
St. Louis		000	010		- 1	5 0

E: Wong (1), Narvaez (2). LOB: St. Louis 5, Milwaukee 7. 2B: Yelich (3), Narvaez (1). 3B: Wong (2). HR: Edman (2), off Gustave; Narvaez off Wainwright. RBIs: Edman (2), McCutchen (4) Narvaez 2(2), Renfroe (2), Wong (2). SB: Peterson (2), Wong (1). CS: Pujols (1). S: Edman. Runners left in scoring position: St. Louis 2(O'Neill 2); Milwaukee 3(Cain

RISP: St. Louis 0for 2; Milwaukee 4 for 10.

ST. LOUIS	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wainwright, L, 1-	141/3	8	4	4	2	7	3.48
VerHagen	22/3	1	1	1	1	3	3.38
Brooks	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.00
MILWAUKEE	ΙP	н	D	ED	RR	SO	ERA
MILITAGILL	••	•••	n	LN	טט	30	LKA
Woodruff, W, 1-1	5	3	0	0	1	2	
	5 2	3			1 0		7.27 0.00 7.36

Pitches-Strikes: Wainwright 86-52: VerHagen 46-31; Brooks 8-6; Woodruff 89-65; Gott 23-16; Gustave 31-22. **Ground Balls-Fly Balls:** Wainwright 4-6; VerHagen 3-3; Brooks 1-0; Woodruff 7-3; Gott 2-1; Gustave 2-3. Batters Faced: Wainwright 23; VerHagen 10; Brooks 3; Woodruff 19; Gott 7;

Inherited runners-scored: VerHager Umpires: Home, Lance Barrett; First, Ramon De Jesus: Second, Bill Welke: Third, Alfonso Marquez

LATE THURSDAY: CHICAGO CUBS 5, COLORADO 2 Chi Cubs AB R H BI SO AVG

T: 3:04. **A:** 42,794(41,900)

Frazier dh

Chi Cubs Colorado			2 00 0 00		- 5 - 2	10 1 10 2
TOTALS	37	2	10	2	7	
Daza cf	4	0	2	0	0	.500
Iglesias ss	4	0	1	0	0	.333
Diaz c	4	0	1	0	0	.333
McMahon 3b	2	0	0	1	0	.188
Rodgers 2b	4	0	0	0	3	.087
Cron 1b	5	ō	2	1	1	.320
Bryant If	5	1	2	ō	0	.360
Blackmon rf	4	1	0	0	2	.130
Joe dh	5	0	2	0	1	.333
Colorado	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
TOTALS	33	5	10	4	4	
Wisdom 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.048
Happ If	4	0	1	1	1	.471
a-Ortega ph-	cf 1	0	0	0	0	.100
Hermosillo ci	1	ō	0	ō	Ō	.000
Gomes c	4	1	2	ō	0	.375
Suzuki rf	4	0	1	1	1	.368
Schwindel 1b	4	2	2	2	Ō	.286
Hoerner ss	0	ō	0	ō	0	.235
Villar ss	4	1	2	ō	Ō	.273
Widdi igai Zb	_	-	_	·	U	.13

9th. E: Villar (1), Diaz (1), Iglesias (1). LOB: Chicago 4, Colorado 12. 2B: Suzuki (1), Villar (1), Gomes (2), Cron (1). HR: Schwindel (1), off Freeland. RBIs: Schwindel 2(3), Suzuki (10), Happ (5), Cron (6), McMahon (2). Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 0(Happ 2, Gomes, Wisdom); Colorado 5(Rodgers 2, Cron, Iglesias,

a-grounded out for Hermosillo in the

Diaz 2). **RISP:** Chicago 4for 9; Colorado 1for 7. **Runners moved up:** Cron. LI**DP:** Gomes, GIDP: Madrigal, Villar, Wisdom Happ, Iglesias. **DP:** Chicago 1(Villar, Madrigal, Schwindel); Colorado 5 (McMahon, Rodgers, Cron: Blackmon, Cron, Blackmon; Rodgers, Iglesias, Cron; Iglesias, Rodgers, Cron; Iglesias, Rodgers, Cron). CHI CUBS IP H R ER BB SO ERA

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Freeland, L, 0-2 Goudeau	51/3 12/3	9	5		2		10.00
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19-9; Thompso	n 45	5-3	l; G	iivei	าร 1	7-1	2;
Freeland 73-49	: Go	ud	eaı	ı 15	10:		
Lawrence 11-8	; Kir	ıle	/ 12	2-10	. '		
Batters Faced:	Ste	ele	20	: Ro	ber	ts 4	:
Thompson 13;	Give	ens	4:	Free	lar	d 2	ć:
Goudeau 4: La							-,
Inherited runn	ers-	SCO	ore	d: R	obe	rts	2-2.
Thompson 3-0							,
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1997: The Chicago Cubs set the mark for worst start in National League history, making three more errors as they extended their losing streak to 12 with a 4-0 loss to the Colorado Rockies. Chicago broke the modern NL record of 0-10 set by Atlanta in 1988 and the overall NL record of 0-11 by the 1884 Detroit Wolverines.

2005: Toronto's Reed Johnson was hit by a major league record-tying three pitches--two with the bases loaded-= in the Blue Jays' 8-0 victory over Texas. 2006: Albert Pujols hit three home runs, including a two-run shot in the bottom of the ninth, to give St. Louis an 8-7 win over Cincinnati. 2007: The Cleveland Indians became

LATE THURSDAY: MIAMI 4, PHILADELPHIA 3 Philadelphia AB R H BI SO AVG

hwarber If almuto c rper rf stellanos c skins 1b egorius ss margo 3b ott 2b erling cf 3ohm ph Muzziotti p TALS ami	3 4 4 4 2 1 or 0 35 AB	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 3 R	1 4 1 0 2 1 0 0 1 0 11 H	0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 BI	2 0 0 1 2 0 0 1 0 0 6 SO	.111 .360 .160 .296 .238 .217 .429 .222 .000 .667 .000
rper rf stellanos o skins 1b egorius ss margo 3b ott 2b erling cf Bohm ph Muzziotti p TALS ami ler If	4 dh 4 3 4 4 4 2 1 1 or 0 35 AB	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 3 R	1 1 0 2 1 0 0 1 0 1 1 H	3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 BI	0 1 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 6 SO	.160 .296 .238 .217 .429 .222 .000 .667 .000
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anchez cf	4	1	2	1	1	.292
uilar dh	3	0	1	0	1	.105
Berti pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	.500
rcia rf	3	1	1	0	0	.188
endle 3b	4	0	1	2	0	.400
allings c	4	0	0	0	1	.105
ias ss	2	0	0	0	0	.105
isholm Jr. :	2b2	1	0	0	1	.267
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Philadelphia 100 000 200 - 3 11 0 Miami 000 310 00x - 4 6 0 a-singled for Vierling in the 9th. 1-ran for Aguilar in the 8th. 2-ran for Bohm in the 9th. LOB: Philadelphia 9, Miami 6,

2B: Schwarber (1), Camargo (1), Harper (2), Wendle (2). 3B: J.Sanchez (1). HR: Cooper (1), off Gibson.
RBIs: Harper 3 (5), Cooper (2), Wendle 2 (2), J.Sanchez (4).

SB: Harper.
Runners left in scoring position: Philadelphia 5(Vierling 3, Castellanos 2);
Miami 4(Stallings 2, Aguilar, Chisholm Jr.). RISP: Philadelphia 2for 7; Miami 2 for 8. **Runners moved up:** Stott, Garcia, Wendle. **GIDP:** Schwarber, Harper, Garcia. DP: Philadelphia 1(Gregorius, Stott, Hoskins); Miami 2(Chisholm Jr. Rojas, Cooper; Chisholm Jr., Rojas,

SB: Realmuto (1).

Cooper).

PHILADELPHIA	۱P	Н	R	ER	ВВ	S0	ERA
Gibson, L, 1-1	42/3	5	4	4	3	6	3.09
Bellatti	1/3	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Norwood	1	1	0	0	1	1	0.00
Hand	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Knebel	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
MIAMI	IP	н	R	FR	RR	SO	ERA
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Alcantara, W, 1-0)6½	7	2	2	1	5	3.18
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Okert 1-1, Bass 1-0, HBP: Alcantara (Vierling). WP: Bass. Umpires: Home, Alan Porter; First, Jim Wolf; Second, Jeremie Rehak; Third, Mark Wegner. T: 3:23. A: 31,184(36,742).

LATE THURSDAY: N.Y. YANKEES 3, TORONTO 0 AB R H BI SO AVG

Springer dh	4	0	0	0	1	.323
Bichette ss	5	0	1	0	0	.219
Guerrero Jr. 1	b 4	0	0	0	4	.333
Gurriel Jr. If	3	0	1	0	2	.192
Tapia rf	4	0	1	0	1	.143
Kirk c	3	0	2	0	0	.200
Biggio 2b	2	0	0	0	2	.000
Espinal 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.238
Zimmer cf	3	0	0	0	0	.000
a-M.Chapmai	n 0	0	0	0	0	.190
TOTALS	31	0	5	0	11	
NY Yankees	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Donaldson 3b	4	0	0	0	3	.185
Judge cf-rf	4	1	1	0	1	.286
Rizzo 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.250
Stanton rf	4	0	1	1	2	.240
Hicks cf	0	0	0	0	0	.353
LeMahieu 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.286
Gallo If	3	0	0	0	2	.158
Torres dh	2	0	0	0	0	.250
	- 2	2	3	0	0	.200
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Kiner-Falefa s Trevino c	3	0	2	2	0	.500
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N.Y. Yankees 001 010 01x - 3 8 1 a-walked for Zimmer in the 9th. **E:** Gurriel Jr. (1), Rizzo (1). **LOB:** Toronto 11, New York 5 2B: Bichette (2), Kiner-Falefa (2), Judge (3). **RBIs:** Trevino 2(2), Stanton (6).

SB: Trevino (1). Runners left in scoring position: Toronto 3(Tapia, Bichette 4, Kirk); New York 4(Judge, Donaldson 2, Gallo). RISP: Toronto Ofor 9: New York 2for 10. Runners moved up: Trevino, Rizzo,

LIDP: Bichette. GIDP: Kirk, Trevino. DP: Toronto 1(Bichette, Biggio, Guerrero Jr.): New York 2(Kiner-Falefa. LeMahieu, Rizzo; LeMahieu, Rizzo, LeMahieu). ID II D FR BB SO ERA

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Gausman, L, 0-1		6	2	2	0	9	4.2
Mayza	1/3	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
Phelps	1	1	0	0	1	0	3.0
Merryweather	1	1	1	1	0	0	4.9
NY YANKEES	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ER/
Severino, W, 1-0	5	2	0	0	2	6	2.2
Luetge, H, 1	1	1	0	0	0	3	0.0
Castro, H, 2	2/3	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Holmes, H, 2	2/3 2/3	1	0	0	0	1	2.2
Green, H, 2 A.Chapman	^{4/3}	0	0	0	3	0	0.0
King, S, 1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.5
A.Chapman pit	-	-	•	•	•	-	
Pitches-Strikes:							
Phelps 16-9; Me							
83-56; Luetge 22							
7-7; Green 4-4; C	hap	ma	n 16	5-4; ŀ	∢ing	5-5.	
Inherited runn	ers-	SC	ore	d: N	lay	za 2	-0,
Holmes 1-0, Gr	een	1-0	0. K	ina	3-0		
HBP: Severino	(Gu	rrie	eĺ J	r.). (Cas	tro	
(Springer). WI							
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T: 3:06. A: 37,2	55 (4	17,3	309).			

the first team in nearly 55 years to win a game with their only hit coming in their first at-bat. Grady Sizemore led off Cleveland's 2-1 win over the Chicago White Sox with a double. 2009: Grady Sizemore hit a grand slam and Cleveland ruined the first game at the new Yankee Stadium by beating New York 10-2. 2014: Masahiro Tanaka and Michael

Pineda pitched the New York Yankees to a 3-0, 2-0 sweep of the Chicago Cubs in a chilly day-night-doubleheader. The Yankees had not won by shutout twice in one day since April 9, 1987, against Kansas City. No team in the major leagues had done it since Minnesota swept Oakland on June 26, 1988.

INTER	RLEAGUE		20	22		2021	VS	OPP	LAST	3 ST/	ARTS
TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	ΙP	ERA	W-L	ΙP	ERA
SF	DeSclafani (R)		0-0	4.91	1-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	12.2	2.84
Cle	Quantrill (R)	6:10p	1-0	3.60	1-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	17.2	3.06
AME	RICAN LEAGUE		20	22		2021	VS	OPP	LAST	3 ST/	ARTS
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		TIME			TR 1-0		ΙP		W-L		ERA
TEAM	PITCHER	TIME 2:10p	W-L	ERA		W-L	IP 0.0	ERA	W-L 0-0	ΙP	ERA

TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IΡ	ERA	W-L	ΙP	ERA
TB	Kluber (R)		0-0	0.00	1-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	13.2	3.29
ChW	Kopech (R)	2:10p	0-0	2.25	1-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	10.0	1.80
Oak	Blackburn (R)		1-0	0.00	1-0	0-1	3.2	9.82	1-1	12.0	5.25
Tor	Ryu (L)	3:07p	0-0	16.20	0-1	1-0	5.0	7.20	1-1	12.2	7.82
Det	Manning (R)		0-0	1.50	1-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	14.1	4.40
KC	Bubic (L)	4:10p	0-1	67.50	0-1	2-0	23.0	1.17	1-2	14.1	4.40
Min	Gray (R)		0-0	3.86	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	13.1	7.43
Bos	Houck (R)	4:10p	0-0	8.10	1-0	0-0	4.2	5.79	0-0	12.2	4.26
LAA	Syndergaard (F	?)	1-0	0.00	1-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	7.1	2.45
Tex	Hearn (L)	7:05p	0-0	2.25	0-1	1-1	17.1	5.19	0-1	14.2	4.91
NYY	Taillon (R)		0-1	3.60	0-1	0-0	11.0	3.27	0-1	10.2	2.53
Bal	Wells (R)	7:05p	0-1	21.60	0-1	0-1	7.2	4.70	0-1	1.2	21.60
Hou	Verlander (R)		0-1	1.80	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	11.0	2.45
Sea	Flexen (R)	9:10p	0-1	6.23	0-1	0-2	15.2	5.74	1-1	14.2	4.91
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NATIO	ONAL LEAGUE		2	022		202	1 VS	OPP	LAST	3 ST	ARTS
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NATIO	ONAL LEAGUE		2	022		202	1 VS	OPP	LAST 3 ST	ARTS
TEAM	I PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	ΙP	ERA	W-L IP	ERA
Ari	Gallen (R)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	6.0	1.50	2-0 18.0	3.50
NYM	Carrasco (R)	1:10p	0-0	1.59	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2 14.2	6.75
Atl	Anderson (R)		0-1	16.88	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1 15.2	4.60
SD	Martinez (R)	4:05p	0-0	1.80	1-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0 5.0	1.80
Phi	Suárez (L)		0-0	10.12	1-0	1-0	19.0	0.95	2-0 18.2	1.45
Mia	Rogers (L)	6:10p	0-1	3.60	0-1	1-1	22.2	2.38	0-2 15.1	2.35
Was	Rogers (L)		1-0	1.69	1-0	0-0	6.2	2.70	1-2 16.0	4.50
Pit	Wilson (R)	6:35p	0-0	6.75	1-0	0-1	4.1	10.38	1-1 13.1	6.75
StL	Matz (L)		0-1	21.00	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1 13.0	7.62
Mil	Houser (R)	7:10p	0-1	4.91	0-1	3-0	25.0	0.36	1-1 14.2	1.84
ChC	Leiter Jr. (R)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0 0.00	0.00
Col	Senzatela (R)	8:10p	0-0	2.70	1-0	0-0	10.2	4.22	0-1 10.0	8.10
Cin	Greene (R)		1-0	5.40	1-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0 5.0	5.40
LAD	Urías (L)	10:10p	0-1	13.50	0-1	0-0	5.0	5.40	2-1 13.1	2.70
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

FRIDAY'S RESULTS N.Y. Mets 10, Arizona 3

Washington at Pittsburgh, late

Chicago Cubs at Colorado, late

Atlanta at San Diego, late Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers, late SUNDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia at Miami, 1:40p.m

Washington at Pittsburgh, 1:35p.m. Arizona at N.Y. Mets, 1:40p.m.

San Francisco at Cleveland, 1:40p.m. St. Louis at Milwaukee, 2:10p.m.

Chicago Cubs at Colorado, 3:10p.m.

Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10p.m. Atlanta at San Diego, 7:08p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Milwaukee 5, St. Louis 1 Miami 4, Philadelphia 3

Pittsburgh 9, Washington 4

San Diego 12, Atlanta 1 Chicago Cubs 5, Colorado 2

L.A. Dodgers 9, Cincinnati 3

Philadelphia at Miami, late St. Louis at Milwaukee, late

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE FRIDAY'S RESULTS Minnesota 8, Boston 4

N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, late Oakland at Toronto, late San Francisco at Cleveland, late Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox, late L.A. Angels at Texas, late Detroit at Kansas City, late Houston at Seattle, late SUNDAY'S GAMES
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 1:05p.m.

Minnesota at Boston, 1:35n.m. Oakland at Toronto, 1:37p.m. San Francisco at Cleveland, 1:40p.m. Detroit at Kansas City, 2:10p.m. Tampa Bay at Chi. White Sox, 2:10p.m. L.A. Angels at Texas, 2:35p.m.

■ **Athletics:** One of the

Houston at Seattle, 4:10p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS Oakland 6, Tampa Bay 3 Seattle 5, Chicago White Sox 1 N.Y. Yankees 3, Toronto 0 Detroit 4, Kansas City 2

Texas 10, L.A. Angels 5 **AROUND THE HORN**

Athletics' all-time greats is still waiting for the number retirement ceremony he was promised. Righthander Dave Stewart, now 65, found out in August 2019 the club planned to retire his No. 34 jersey, then it didn't happen during the pandemic-shortened 2020 season or last year. The former World Series MVP and four-time 20-game winner posted on his Twitter account this week some apparent frustration with his hometown team. "I have no idea what the A's are doing. At this point they can just retire the number with no celebration as far as I'm concerned," Stewart wrote. "Come to the park and it will be on display with the other retired numbers. If you find out something before I do, please let me know?" The A's said they plan to announce next week during the club's season-opening homestand a date to honor Stewart but hadn't done so previously because the schedule was in flux with the lockout. ... Athletics placed outfielder Stephen Piscotty on the COVID-19 injured list and put catcher Austin Allen and left-handers A.J. Puk and Kirby Snead on the restricted list before Friday's game in Toronto. To enter Canada, the Canadian government requires a person must have received a second vaccine dose or one dose of Johnson & Johnson — at least 14 days prior to entry. Players are not paid and do not accrue major league service time while on the restricted list. ■ **Mets:** Francisco Lindor homered from both sides

of the plate to back another

stingy start from newcomer

Chris Bassitt, and the

Mets routed the sloppy

Diamondbacks 10-3 in their

home opener Friday. ...

Mets outfielders Brandon

Nimmo and Mark Canha

tested positive for COVID-19. Neither player was with the team for its home opener at Citi Field against the Diamondbacks. Mets manager Buck Showalter. without identifying the coach, confirmed that a member of his staff tested positive for the coronavirus. The team did not say whether Nimmo and Canha tested positive. ■ Twins: Miguel Sanó hit a two-run homer, rookie Joe

were placed on the injured

list after a Mets coach

Rvan allowed one run over six innings, and the Twins beat the Red Sox 8-4 in the Red Sox's home opener. ... Twins star Byron Buxton left the Twins' 8-4 win over the Red Sox on Friday with a right knee injury and will get an MRI. The Platinum Glove-winning center fielder slid late into second base for a double after Boston misplayed his popup in the first inning. His left leg appeared to get caught underneath him while his right foot slammed into the bag. He slammed a hand into the dirt and was immediately pulled. He walked off under his own power. The 28-year-old has been among the game's best players in recent years when healthy and unfortunately for the Twins, that's rarely been the case. He batted .306 with 19 home runs in 61 games in 2021 but was limited by a broken hand and a right hip strain. Buxton signed a \$100 million, seven-year deal to remain a Twin long-term over the winter. this season. ■ **Orioles:** Orioles have put John Means on the 10-day injured list, and the lefthander is expected to have additional tests on his elbow. The Orioles announced that Means had a left elbow strain. Manager Brandon Hvde described the injury

as a forearm muscle strain,

but he said more tests are

coming to look at the elbow.

NHL							
EASTERN C		FEI W			E PTS	GF	GA
x-Florida	74	53	15	6	112	311	217
x-Toronto	74	48	20	6	102	286	229
x-Tampa Bay	74	45	21	8	98	243	208
Boston	74	45	24	5	95	231	202
Detroit	74	29	35	10	68	213	281
Buffalo	76	27	38	11	65	210	272
Ottawa	74	28	40	6	62	200	239
Montreal	75	20	43	11	51	193	287
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-Carolina	75	48	19	8	104	247	180
x-N.Y. Ranger	s75	48	21	6	102	231	191
x-Pittsburgh	76	43	22	11	97	253	213
Washington	74	41	23	10	92	252	219
N.Y. Islanders	74	35	30	9	79	206	206
Columbus	74	35	33	6	76	240	274
New Jersey	74	26	42	6	58	228	274
Philadelphia	74	23	40	11	57	190	269
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NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

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x-clinched playoff spot z-clinched conference

FRIDAY'S RESULTS N.Y. Islanders 3, Montreal 0

Florida 6, Winnipeg 1

SATURDAY'S GAMES Chicago at Nashville, 12:30p.m. Detroit at N.Y. Rangers, 12:30p.m. Pittsburgh at Boston, 12:30p.m. Minnesota at St. Louis, 3p.m. Vegas at Edmonton, 4p.m. Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7p.m. Toronto at Ottawa, 7p.m. Washington at Montreal, 7p.m. Winnipeg at Tampa Bay, 7p.m. San Jose at Dallas, 8p.m.

Columbus at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m. SUNDAY'S GAMES Florida at Detroit, 1p.m. Buffalo at Philadelphia, 5p.m. San Jose at Minnesota, 6p.m. St. Louis at Nashville, 6p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 7:30p.m.

Carolina at Colorado, 9p.m.

Arizona at Calgary, 10p.m.

New Jersey at Seattle, 10p.m

Columbus at Anaheim, 8:30p.m. MONDAY'S GAMES Calgary at Chicago, 8p.m. Washington at Colorado, 9p.m. Carolina at Arizona, 10p.m. New Jersey at Vegas, 10p.m. Ottawa at Seattle, 10p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 10:30p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS St. Louis 6, Buffalo 2 Detroit 3, Carolina 0 Pittsburgh 6, N.Y. Islanders 3 Toronto 7, Washington 3 Tampa Bay 4, Anaheim 3(OT) Ottawa 3, Boston 2 Minnesota 3, Dallas 2(OT) Edmonton 4. Nashville 0 Colorado 3, New Jersey 1 Chicago 5, San Jose 4(SO) Vegas 6, Calgary 1 Vancouver 7, Arizona 1

FIRST-ROUND DRAFT ORDER

Dra	ft: April 28-30 in Parad	ise, Nev	
PK	TEAM	REC	SOS
1	Jacksonville Jaguars	3-14	.512
2	Detroit Lions	3-13-1	.528
3	Houston Texans	4-13	.498
4	N.Y. Jets	4-13	.512
5	N.Y. Giants	4-13	.536
6	Carolina Panthers	5-12	.509
	NY Giants (from Chi)	6-11	.524
8. /	Atlanta Falcons	7-10	.472
9.5	Seattle (from Den)	7–10	.484
10	N.Y. Jets (from Sea)	7-10	.519
11	Washington Comm.	7–10	.529
12	Minnesota Vikings	8-9	.507
13	Houston (from Cle)	8-9	.514
14	Baltimore Ravens	8-9	.531
15	Philadelphia (from Mia)		.464
16	N.O. (from Ind. thru Phila.)		.484
17	L.A. Chargers	9-8	.510
18	Phi (from New Orl.)	9-8	.512
19	New Orl. (from Phila.)	7-10	.484
20	Pittsburgh Steelers	9-7-1	.521
21	New England Patriots	10-7	.481
22	Green Bay (from LV)	10–7	.510
23	Arizona Cardinals	11-6	.490
24	Dallas Cowboys	12-5	.488
25	Buffalo Bills	11–6	.472
26	Tennessee Titans	12-5	.472
27	Tampa Bay Bucs	13-4	.467
28	Green Bay Packers	13-4	.479
29	KC (from SF via Mia)	10–7	.500
30	Kansas City Chiefs	12-5	.538
31	Cincinnati Bengals	10-7	.472
32	Detroit (from LA Rams)	12–5	.483
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Round 1: Thursday, April 28 Rounds 2-3: Friday, Arpil 29 Rounds 4-7: Saturday, APril 30

Records, strength of schedule are for

All games in Birmingham, Ala

WEEK 1 **SATURDAY'S GAME** New Jersey at Birmingham, 7:30p.m. SUNDAY'S GAMES Houston at Michigan, Noon Philadelphia at New Orleans, 4p.m. Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 8p.m.

MLB	SATURDAY		
NATIONAL LEA	GUE		
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
at NY Mets	-155	Arizona	+135
Atlanta	-116	at San Diego	-102
Philadelphia	-125	at Miami	+105
Washington	-115	at Pittsburgh	-105
at Milwaukee	-154	St. Louis	+130
at Colorado	off	Chicago Cubs	off
at LA Dodgers	-250	Cincinnati	+200
AMERICAN LEA	AGUE		
at Chi. White S	ox -14	40Tampa Bay	+120
at Toronto	-235	Oakland	+190
Minnesota	off	at Boston	off
at Kansas City	-134	Detroit	+114
NY Yankees	-195	at Baltimore	+165
LA Angels	-112	atTexas	-104
Houston	-180	at Seattle	+155
INTERLEAGUE			
San Francisco	-135	at Cleveland	+115

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NBAPLAYOF	S	9	SATUR	DAY
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDE	RDOG
Utah	5	(209)	at I	Dallas
at Memphis	61/2	(237)	Minn	esota
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at Boston	-115	Pittsburgh	-104
at Nashville	-280	Chicago	+225
at NY Rangers	-580	Detroit	+420
at St. Louis	-120	Minnesota	+100
at Edmonton	-130	Las Vegas	+108
at Tampa Bay	-235	Winnipeg	+190
Toronto	-255	at Ottawa	+205
at Buffalo	-120	Philadelphi	a +100
Washington	-285	at Montrea	+230
at Dallas	-196	San Jose	+162
at Colorado	-134	Carolina	+112
at Seattle	-138	New Jersey	+115

at Calgary -520 Arizona at Los Angeles -194 Columbus For the latest odds, go to FanDuel

Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.

NBA PLAYOFF SCHEDULE PLAY-IN ROUNDS Friday's second round East: Atlanta at Cleveland, late West: New Orl. at L.A. Clippers, late Wednesday's first round East: Atlanta 132, Charlotte 103 West: New Orleans 113, San Antonio 103 Tuesday's first round East: Brooklyn 115, Cleveland 108 West: Minnesota 109, L.A. Clippers 104

EAST FIRST ROUND #1 Miami vs. East #8 Seed nday: at Miami, 1 p.m.

#2 Boston vs. #7 Brooklyn Sunday: at Boston, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday: at Boston, 7 p.m. April 23: at Brooklyn, TBD April 25: at Brooklyn, TBD x-April 27: at Boston, TBD x-April 29: at Brooklyn, TBD x-May 1: at Boston, TBD

#3 Milwaukee vs. #6 Chicago Sunday: at Milwaukee, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: at Milwaukee, 9:30 p.m. April 22: at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. April 24: at Chicago, 1 p.m. x-April 27: at Milwaukee, TBD x-April 29: at Chicago, TBD x-May 1: at Milwaukee, TBD

#4 Philadelphia vs. #5 Toronto Saturday: at Philadelphia, 6 p.m. Momday: at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday: at Toronto, 8 p.m. April 23: at Toronto, 2 p.m. x-April 25: at Philadelphia, TBD x-April 28: at Toronto, TBD x-April 30: at Philadelphia. TBD

WEST FIRST ROUND #1 Phoenix vs. West #8 Seed Sunday: at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

#2 Memphis vs. #7 Minnesota Saturday: at Memphis, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday: at Memphis, TRD Thursday: at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m. April 23: at Minnesota, TBD x-April 26: at Memphis, TBD y-Anril 29: at Minnesota, TBD x-May 1: at Memphis, TBD

#3 Golden State vs. #6 Denver Saturday: at Golden State, 8:30 p.m. Monday: at Golden State, 10 n.m. April 21: at Denver, 10 p.m. April 24: at Denver, 3:30 p.m. x-Anril 27: at Golden State, TBD x-April 29: at Denver, TBD x-May 1: at Golden State, TBD

#4 Dallas vs. #5 Utah Saturday: at Dallas, 1 p.m. Monday: at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. April 21: at Utah, 9 p.m. April 23: at Utah, 4:30 p.m. x-April 25: at Dallas, TBD x-April 28: at Utah, TBD x-April 30: at Dallas, TBD

Rest of first-round schedule TBD

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N.Y. Red Bulls	3	2	1	10	10	ė
Atlanta	3	2	1	10	9	9
Charlotte FC	3	4	0	9	7	9
Chicago	3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1	3	9	5	2
Columbus	2	2	2	8	10	7
Toronto FC	2	2	2	8	9	11
CF Montréal	2	3	1	7	11	15
D.C. United	2	3	0	6	5	Ę
Cincinnati	2	4	0	6	8	14
New York City FC	1	3	1	4	5	6
New England	1	4	1	4	8	12
Inter Miami CF	1	4	1	4	6	15
WESTERN	W	L	Т	PT	GF	G/
Los Angeles FC	4	1	1	13	14	6
LA Galaxy	4	2	0	12	9	6
Real Salt Lake	3	1	3	12	9	7
Austin FC	3	1	2	11	14	Ę
FC Dallas	3	1	2	11	10	4
Houston	3	1	2	11	10	7
Nashville	3	2	1	10	6	6
Portland	2 2 2	2	3	9	10	13
Colorado	2	2	2	8	8	8
Minnesota United	2	2	2	8	5	į
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SATURDAY'S MATCHES Vancouver at CF Montréal, 3p.m. Nashville at San Jose, 3:30p.m. Cincinnati at Atlanta, 6p.m. Portland at Houston, 6p.m. FC Dallas at N.Y. Red Bulls, 7p.m. Orlando City at Columbus, 7:30p.m. Austin FC at D.C. United, 7:30p.m. Charlotte FC at New England, 7:30p.m. Philadelphia at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m. LA Galaxy at Chicago, 8p.m. Colorado at Minnesota, 8p.m. Miami at Seattle, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES Real Salt Lake at New York City FC, 1 p.m. Sporting KCat Los Angeles FC, 4p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 Houston at FC Dallas, 3p.m. CF Montréal at Philadelphia, 3p.m. Chicago at Minnesota, 5p.m. New England at D.C. United, 7:30p.m. Vancouver at Austin FC, 8:30p.m. Columbus at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m. Charlotte FC at Colorado, 9p.m. Real Salt Lake at Portland, 10p.m. Seattle at San Jose, 10p.m. Nashville at LA Galaxy, 10:30p.m.

NWSL CHALLENGE CUP FRIDAY'S MATCH Houston at Kansas City, late

SATURDAY'S MATCHES North Carolina at Orlando, 7p.m.

Chicago at Louisville, 7:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES Washington at Gotham FC, 3p.m. Angel City FC at OL Reign, 6p.m.
San Diego Wave FC at Portland, 7p.m.

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ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE							
CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Man City	31	23	5	3	72	20	74
Liverpool	31	22	7	2	79	22	73
Chelsea	30	18	8	4	64	23	62
Tottenham	31	18	3	10	56	37	57
Arsenal	30	17	3	10	45	36	54
West Ham	32	15	6	11	51	42	51
Man United	31	14	9	8	49	42	51
Wolverhampton	32	15	4	13	33	28	49
Leicester	29	11	7	11	45	48	40
Crystal Palace	31	8	13	10	43	40	37
Brighton	31	8	13	10	28	37	37
Aston Villa	31	11	3	17	42	46	36
Brentford	32	10	6	16	39	48	36
Southampton	31	8	12	11	37	52	36
Newcastle	31	8	10	13	34	54	34
Leeds	32	8	9	15	38	68	33
Everton	30	8	4	18	33	52	28
Burnley	30	4	12	14	25	44	24
Watford	31	6	4	21	29	60	22
Norwich	31	5	6	20	20	63	21

SATURDAY'S MATCHES Tottenham vs. Brighton, 7:30a.m. Man United vs. Norwich, 10a.m. Southampton vs. Arsenal, 10a.m. Watford vs. Brentford, 10a.m. Everton vs. Crystal Palace, ppd Aston Villa vs. Liverpool, ppd

SUNDAY'S MATCHES Newcastle vs. Leicester, 9:15a.m. West Ham vs. Burnley, 9:15a.m. Leeds vs. Chelsea, ppd Wolverhampton vs. Man City, ppd

TUESDAY'S MATCH

Chelsea vs. Arsenal, 2:45p.m. Newcastle vs. Crystal Palace, 2:45p.m. Man City vs. Brighton, 3p.m.

AUTO RACING NASCAR CUP SERIES MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS MAKE Chevrolet -22 Ford 274 -28 Toyota

DRIVER POINT STANDINGS DRIVER Chase Elliott 288 Ryan Blaney William Byron Joey Logano 261 246 237 Ross Chastain Alex Bowman 237 Martin Truex, Jr. Aric Almirola 222 221 Kevin Harvick Kyle Busch 220 202 Chase Briscoe Tyler Reddick Kvle Larson 201 Austin Cindric Austin Dillon Kurt Busch 187 181 179 **Daniel Suarez** 173 173 157 Christopher Bell Chris Buescher Denny Hamlin Bubba Wallace 154 135 130 121 112 Cole Custer Tv Dillon Michael McDowell Todd Gilliland Ricky Stenhouse, Jr. Harrison Burton 111 110 99 Corey LaJoie 92 68 60 Brad Keselowski Cody Ware B. J. McLeod 0 David Ragan Garrett Smithley 48 28 22 Greg Biffle 0

15 11 Joey Hand NASCAR CUP FASTEST LAPS Points standing positions, percentage and total fastest laps:
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DRIVER	EV	LAPS	LED
William Byron	8	1996	482
Ryan Blaney	8	2014	339
Chase Elliott	8	2182	276
Ross Chastain	8	2042	156
Chase Briscoe	8	2045	128
Christopher Bell	8	2026	111
Kyle Busch	8	2030	99
Martin Truex, Jr.	8	2089	97
Tyler Reddick	8	2053	97
Brad Keselowski	8	2180	70
Kyle Larson	8	1987	59
Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.	8	2026	42
Denny Hamlin	8	1875	40
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DRIVER	EV	AvST	AvFN
Chase Elliott	8	9.6	11.3
Ryan Blaney	8	5.1	12.0
Alex Bowman	8	12.1	12.0
Aric Almirola	8	17.6	12.4
Ross Chastain	8	18.1	12.6
Kevin Harvick	8	16.8	12.9
Joey Logano	8	9.6	13.4
Kyle Busch	8	11.8	13.5
Martin Truex, Jr.	8	15.9	13.8
William Byron	8	11.6	14.0
Austin Dillon	8	20.1	14.6
Chase Briscoe	8	10.1	15.0
Kurt Busch	8	20.5	15.1
Austin Cindric	8	9.5	15.9
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LAPS IN THE TOP 15	PCT.	LAPS
1. Ryan Blaney	82.8	1475
2. William Byron	82.3	1466
3. Joey Logano	81.8	1456
4. Chase Elliott	77.7	1383
5. Martin Truex Jr	72.9	1298
6. Ross Chastain	71.3	1269
7. Kyle Larson	70.5	1256
8. Alex Bowman	68.1	1213
9. Kevin Harvick	68.1	1212
10. Denny Hamlin	66.4	1183
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MILES LED	LAPS	MILE
Aric Almirola	2182	2,871.7
Chase Elliott	2182	2,869.2
Brad Keselowski	2180	2,866.7
Joey Logano	2180	2,865.0
Alex Bowman	2179	2,861.2
Justin Haley	2172	2,860.1
Kevin Harvick	2174	2,848.2
Michael McDowell	2162	2,844.28
Erik Jones	2161	2,830.7
Todd Gilliland	2138	2,798.29
Kurt Busch	2073	2,786.5
Bubba Wallace	2154	2,783.2
Martin Truex Ir	2089	2 779 2

CUP UPCOMING SCHEDULE Sunday: Food City Dirt Race, Bristol,

April 24: GEICO 500, Talladega, Ala. May 1: DuraMAX Drydene 400 presented by RelaDyne, Dover, Del.

May 8: Goodyear 400, Darlington, S.C.

May 15: NASCAR Cup Series at Kansas, Kansas City, Kan.

May 22: x-NASCAR All-Star Open, Fort Worth, Texas May 22: NASCAR All-Star Race, Fort Worth, Texas

May 29: Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. June 5: NASCAR Cup Series Race at Gateway, Madison, III. June 12: Toyota / Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.

June 26: Ally 400, Lebanon, Tenn. July 3: Kwik Trip 250 presented by JOCKEY Made in America, Elkhart

July 10: Ouaker State 400 Presented by Walmart, Hampton, Ga. x-non-points race

NTT INDYCAR SERIES SCHEDULE Feb. 27: Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, Fla. March 20: XPEI 375, Texas Motor Speedway **April 10:** Grand Prix of Long Beach,

Streets of Long Beach, Calif.

May 1: Grand Prix of Alabama, Barber Motorsports Park

May 14: GMR Grand Prix, Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course May 29: The 106th Indianapolis 500, Indianapolis Motor Speedway June 5: Detroit Grand Prix, Raceway at Belle Isle Park/Detroit
June 12: Grand Prix at Road America July 3: Indy 200, Mid-Ohio Sports Car July 17: Honda Indy Toronto, Streets of Toronto (Canada) July 23: HyVeeDeals250 ,lowa Speed-

July 24: HyVee Salute to Farmers 300, Iowa Speedway-Race 2 July 30: Indianapolis Motor Speedway Aug. 7: Music City Grand Prix, Streets

of Nashville (Tenn.) Aug. 20: Bommarito500 ,World Wide Technology Raceway (Gateway) Sept. 4: Grand Prix of Portland, Portland (Ore.) International Raceway Sept. 11: Grand Prix of Monterey, WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca

ATP MONTE-CARLO ROLEX MASTERS At Monte Carlo Country Club, Monte Carlo, Monaco, Red clay-outdoors MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS

#10aylor Fritz, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3. Grigor Dimitrov d. #11Hubert Hurkacz, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6(2). #2Alexander Zverev d. #9Jannik Sinner, 5-7, 6-3, 7-6(5). #3Stefanos Tsitsipas d. #12Diego Schwartzman

GOLF PGA PRC HERITAGE

2nd of 4 rounds, Harbour Town Links Hilton Head, S.C., 7.191 vards: Par: 71 Patrick Cantlay Robert Streb 68-67-135 Joel Dahmen 69-67-136 Cameron Tringale Erik Van Rooyen 69-67-136 Aaron Wise Cameron Young 68-68-136 63-73-136 Matt Kuchar 68-69-137 Joaquin Niemann Mito Pereira 65-72-137 66-71-137 67-70-137 Chad Ramey 69-68-137 66-71-137 Jordan Spieth Sepp Straka Corey Conners Adam Hadwin 66-72-138 69-69-138 69-69-138 67-71-138 Billy Horschel Patton Kizzire Jason Kokrak Shane Lowry 70-68-138 66-72-138 Matthew NeSmith 70-68-138 Hudson Swafford Camilo Villegas 69-69-138 71-67-138 Luke Donald 70-69-139 Lucas Glover Tyrrell Hatton 68-71-139 67-72-139 Si Woo Kim 69-70-139 Troy Merritt Kevin Na 69-70-139 Scott Piercy 67-72-139 71-68—139 68-71—139 Ian Poulter Roger Sloan Adam Svensson 66-73-139 Harold Varner III Jim Herman 67-72-139 69-71-140 Sungjae Im Collin Morikawa 70-70-140 70-70—140 70-70—140 Alex Noren 70-70-140 C.T. Pan I.T. Poston 68-72-140 Doc Redman 69-71-140 Charl Schwartzel 68 - 72 - 14072-68—140 71-70—141 **Brendon Todd** Daniel Berger Wyndham Clark 68-73-141 Tyler Duncan 68-73-141 71-70-141 Tommy Fleetwood Dvlan Frittelli 70-71-141 71-70—141 67-74—141 **Ben Martin** 71-70-141 71-70—141 71-70—141 68-73—141 Mayerick McNealy Pat Perez Matthias Schwab 67-74-141 71-70—141 70-71—141 Sahith Theegala Justin Thomas 69-73-142 Joseph Bramlett Jonathan Byrd Stewart Cink 68-74-142 67-75-142 69-73-142 Cameron Davis Brian Gay Doug Ghim 67-75—142 70-72—142 Brian Harman 72-70-142 Anirban Lahir 69-73-142 69-73-142 Peter Malnati 69-73-142 Denny McCarthy Graeme McDowell 67-75—142 66-76—142 Webb Simpson 69-73-142 71-71—142 73-69—142 Henrik Stensor **Brian Stuard** Danny Willett 70-72-142 Brandon Hagy MISSED CUT 75-WD Scott Brown 73-70-143 69-74—143 68-75—143 James Hahn Russell Henley Harry Higgs Morgan Hoffmann Dustin Johnson 69-74-143 +1 71-72—143 72-71—143 Sung Kang Chris Kirk 71-72-143 +1 72-71—143 69-74—143 Kevin Kisner Hank Lebioda 70-73-143 71-72—143 73-70—143 Cameron Smith Richy Werenski 73-70-143 +1 72-72-144 +2 Lanto Griffin 73-71-144

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Matt Fitzpatrick

Davis Love III Carlos Ortiz

Michael Thompson

Alex Smalley

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Hyo Joo Kim	67-67-134	-10
Sarah Kemp Ariya Jutanugarn	68-69-137 70-68-138 68-70-138	-7 -6
Haeji Kang	68-70—138	-6
Na Rin An	71-68—139 72-67—139 67-73—140	-5
A Lim Kim Aditi Ashok	67-73-140	-5 -4
Hye Jin Choi	70-70-140 67-73-140 68-72-140 70-71-141 71-70-141 71-70-141	-4
Gemma Dryburgh Janie Jackson	67-73-140	-4 -4
Cheyenne Knight	70-71-141	-3
Andrea Lee	71-70-141	-3
Somi Lee Stephanie Meadow	71-70-141	-3 -3
Ryann O'Toole	71-70-141 72-69-141 71-70-141	-3
Hinako Shibuno Ashleigh Buhai	71-70—141 71-71—142	-3 -2
In Gee Chun	72-70-142 70-72-142	-2
Allisen Corpuz	70-72-142	-2 -2
Brianna Do Hannah Green	66-76-142	-2
Stephanie Kyriacou	72-70—142 66-76—142 71-71—142	-2
Min Lee Jeong Eun Lee	69-73-142 71-71-142	-2 -2
Chella Choi	69-73-142 71-71-142 70-73-143	-1
Perrine Delacour Dana Finkelstein	71-72-143 72-71-143 71-72-143	-1 -1
Isi Gabsa	71-72-143	-1
Alison Lee	6/-/6-143	-1
Pernilla Lindberg Emily Pedersen	71-72-143 74-69-143	-1 -1
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Georgia Hall Esther Henseleit	70-75—145 75-70—145	+1 +1
Mi Hyang Lee	75-70—145 72-73—145 71-74—145	+1
Ruixin Liu	71-74-145	+1
Gaby Lopez Atthaya Thitikul	68-77-145 71-74-145 70-75-145	+1 +1
Albane Valenzuela	70-75-145	+1
Lindsey Weaver-Wright Ana Belac	75-71—146	+1 +2
Matilda Castren	75-71-146 74-72-146	+2
Ssu-Chia Cheng Maria Fassi	71-75—146	+2 +2
Frida Kinhult	71-75—146 70-76—146 74-72—146	+2
Jennifer Kupcho	14-12-146	+2
Yu Liu Leona Maguire	74-72-146 71-75-146	+2
Wichanee Meechai	74-72-146	+2
Gerina Mendoza-Piller Annie Park	74-72—146 73-73—146	+2
Sophia Schubert	75-71—146 75-71—146	+2
Emma Talley Lilia Vu	75-71—146 73-73—146	+2 +2
Brittany Altomare		+3
Dottie Ardina	70-77-147 72-75-147 72-75-147	+3
Jenny Coleman Yu-Sang Hou	71-76-147	+3 +3
Linnea Johansson	71-76—147 70-77—147 74-73—147	+3
Giulia Molinaro Yealimi Noh	74-73—147 77-70—147	+3
Haru Nomura	77-70—147 74-73—147 70-77—147	+3
Anna Nordqvist Su-Hyun Oh	70-77-147	+3
Amy Olson	74-73-147 76-71-147	+3
Bianca Pagdanganan	76-71—147 70-77—147	+3
Yuka Saso Lauren Stephenson	73-74—147 75-72—147 72-75—147	+3 +3
Charlotte Thomas	72-75-147	+3
Anne Van Dam Mariah Stackhouse	71-76—147 77-WD	+3
Austin Ernst	77-WD	
Brooke Henderson	74-WD	
Danielle Kang Na Yeon Choi	76-WD 78-WD	
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Casey Danielson	75-73—148	+4
Celine Herbin	75-73-148 73-75-148 75-73-148	+4 +4
Maude-Aimee Leblanc Brooke Matthews	74-74—148	+4

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Marissa Steen 74-74-148 +4
Jasmine Suwannapura 75-73-148 +4
Maddie Szeryk 73-75-148 +4
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Patrick Cantlay hits out of a bunker on the seventh green during the second round of the RBC Heritage tournament Friday in Hilton Head Island, S.C. STEPHEN B. MORTON/AP

Late surge lifts Cantlay

By Pete Iacobelli Associated Press

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — FedEx Cup champion Patrick Cantlay birdied the final four holes Friday for a 4-under 67 and take a two-stroke lead over Robert Streb halfway

through the RBC Heritage. After dropping back with bogeys on the 11th and 14th holes, Cantlay turned it around on the most difficult stretch at Harbour Town Golf Links with the late birdie run in strong wind swirling off Calibogue Sound.

Cantlay had a 9-under 133 total.

Streb also had a 67. He appeared to be in position to take the lead into the weekend when he birdied No. 8 - his 17th hole of theday — to reach 7 under.

But Cantlay's accurate irons and hot putter moved him back on top. The run started with a 13-foot birdie putt on 15. He caught Streb a hole later with a 10-footer. Cantlav stuck his tee shot on the par-3 17th within 8 feet for his go-ahead birdie, then rolled in a 21-footer on the par-4 18th.

"Obviously, that's a dream finish," Cantlay said. "I finally rolled in some putts and that was really nice to see going into the weekend."

Tour rookie Cameron Young went from his eye-popping debut of 63 on Thursday to a 73 in his second time around Harbour Town. Still, it was good enough to tie for third with Joel Dahmen, Cameron Tringale, Erik van Rooven and Aaron Wise — three shots behind

Dahmen, Tringale and van Rooyen had 67s to

match Cantley and Streb for low round of the day. round. Wise shot a 68.

Among the six another stroke behind at 5 under were three-time major champion Jordan Spieth and past RBC winner Matt Kuchar. Spieth had a 68, and Kuchar shot 69. In all, it looks like a weekend shootout with 33 players within six shots of Cantlay.

Cantlay's steady and mindful approach to golf seems ready-made for Harbour Town.

He's had two thirds and a seventh in four appearances here and made \$878,178.50 — and that's with missing the cut a year

Cantlay expects more wind and doesn't expect play much differently than he's done so far. "Just staying with my game plan and continue to leave the golf ball in the right spots, which is paramount around this place, I think is

the key," he said. Streb, who last won The RSM Classic in November 2020, has had a terrible experience at Harbour Town, missing the cut in four of his six career appearances. His best showing was a tie for 44th

in 2015. "Haven't played fantastic around this place, so getting it around in the wind was really good for me," he said.

Young shot a bogeyfree 63 on Thursday in his course debut, the 24-yearold making Pete Dye's treacherous layout look like a roadside pitch-andputt. Young kept up his stellar play with a birdie on his first hole, the 10th, to reach 9 under.

Then he, like so many others before, felt Harbour Town's full fury.

IN BRIEF

Attorney: CB Joseph didn't fire fatal shots

News services

Cowboys cornerback Kelvin Joseph was riding in a sport utility vehicle from which a man was fatally shot about two months ago, Joseph's attorney said Friday.

Cameron Ray, 20, was shot about 2 a.m. March 18 outside a nightclub in the Lower Greenville entertainment district of Old East Dallas, according to a Dallas police statement.

A newly released surveillance video showed two groups, one of which Ray was part of, engaged in a brief altercation outside the nightspot.

The video shows a black SUV drive by Ray's group, and shots were fired from at least one of its windows, wounding Ray. He died a short time later at a nearby hospital.

"Kelvin Joseph did not shoot Cameron Ray," Barry Sorrels, Joseph's attorney, said in a statement Friday. "Mr. Ray's death is a tragedy, and Kelvin extends his deepest condolences for the family's loss."

Joseph "was unarmed and was not looking for violence," Sorrels said. "He

Liverpool vs. Man United, 3p.m. WEDNESDAY'S MATCH Everton vs. Leicester, 2:45p.m.

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found himself in a situation that escalated without his knowledge or consent. Along with condolences to the Ray family, Kelvin apologizes to the Dallas community for being anywhere near this type of incident."

NHL: Canucks captain Bo Horvat is expected to be out at least two weeks after taking a shot off his right ankle in the Canucks' 7-1 home victory over the Coyotes on Thursday night. Fighting for a playoff spot, the Canucks said Friday the center will be re-evaluated in two weeks, a timeline that means he may have played his last game of the regular season.

Soccer: The owners of the Cubs dropped their interest in buying Chelsea, leaving three remaining bids for the enforced sale of the Premier League club by sanctioned Russian owner Roman Abramovich. The bid was being led by Cubs chairman Tom Ricketts but faced opposition from fans over Islamophobic comments by his father, Joe, that featured in leaked

emails three years ago.

SPORTS

BRUINS

Ullmark day to day, Swayman to start Saturday

By Matt Porter Boston Globe

BOSTON - For Saturday, at least, the Bruins' net belongs to Jeremy

Linus Ullmark, who took a hard slapper off the mask and left Thursday's loss to the Senators, reported to Warrior Ice Arena Friday but did not practice.

"Hopefully it's a quick one," said coach Bruce Cassidy, describing Ullmark's status as "day to day."

Swayman, who stopped 21 of 24 shots in two periods of relief, will start Saturday's matinee against the Penguins, the Bruins aiming to clinch a playoff spot and break their first three-game losing skid of the

He wasn't thinking beyond that, anticipating that his puck-stopping partner would return soon.

"Mind-set stays the same," Swayman said. "I want to play every night and make sure I give this team a chance to win every night. I hope he has a speedy recovery. I know he

After Tuukka Rask retired Feb. 9, Swayman went on a six-week run in which he started nearly two of every three games, and he was sparkling. He was named Rookie of the Month for February, going 5-1-1 with a.960 save percentage and two shutouts. It is why he might appear on some writers' ballots for the Calder Trophy.

March and April have been less kind to him.

Ullmark, who hasn't allowed four goals in a game since March 1 – something Swayman has done four times in 11 starts since then - picked up a bit more of the workload, and looked like the Bruins' best option in recent weeks.

Swayman found himself in a tough spot Thursday, for a few reasons. First, he came in cold during the second period, and the Bruins spent a significant chunk of it on the penalty kill.

"It's tough to start off with the second shot being a goal off your butt," Swayman said, referring to a Brady Tkachuk strike from below the goal line, "but it all depends on what you do next, caring about that next shot."

The Bruins' every-other-day game schedule has left practice sessions few and far between. Swayman's scheduled day off Thursday instead meant he was taking extra reps after practice. The Bruins, like all teams nowadays, carefully monitor their goalies' workloads to keep them fresh.

"That's a challenge," noted Swayman, adding that fatigue was no issue for him Thursday. "I want to get better as much as I can, whenever I'm on the ice.

"Those morning skates when you don't play are those crucial moments to work on things and get more of a sweat in."

You can practice, but you can't prepare for getting hit between the eyes, as Ullmark did.

"I invite it, I guess," Swayman mused. "I just want to make sure I'm doing everything I can do to stop the puck. Sometimes you don't expect it. I think it was a tipped shot, too. It's one of those weird ones that happens. Hopefully, you can recover quickly from it and shake it off."

Hockey

hockey outlets, including Mike McMahon of College Hockey Insider, have suggested Cavanaugh is a leading candidate, along with Greg Brown, Mark Denehy and Scott Gordon.

However, with so much invested in the UConn program, a new rink on campus nearing completion and his popularity at the university, it would not be an easy decision for Cavanaugh to leave.

Former UConn AD Warde Manuel brought Cavanaugh to UConn as the program was about to join Hockey East. It took eight years, but the Huskies made a breakthrough in 2021-22, going 20-16, 14-10 in the conference, winning at Boston College, winning their first conference playoff games, and going to overtime in the Hockey East final, losing to defending national champ UMass. Cavanaugh is 105-127-29 at UConn.

York, 76, retired after more than 50 years as a head coach, the last 28 at Boston College, winning 1,123 games including five national championships, one at Bowling Green and four at BC. He reached the Frozen Four 12 times. The Eagles were 15-18-5 in York's final

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MIKE BOSSY 1957-2022

Islanders great, Cup champion dies at 65

Associated Press

Mike Bossy flopped to the ice as the puck went in, then scrambled to his feet and leaped into the air to celebrate scoring another goal. It was a familiar sight as the New York Islanders were on their way to their third of four consecutive Stanley Cup titles.

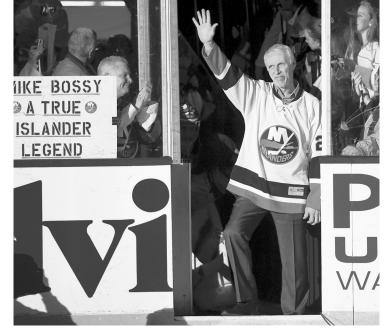
Bossy danced on his skates the same way after his 50th goal in 50 games, but so many other times, his reaction was more muted simply because he scored so much and so often, more than almost anyone in the long history of the NHL.

The Hockey Hall of Famer died Thursday night of lung cancer. Bossy was 65.

"Though containing him was the obsession of opposing coaches and checking him the focus of opposing players, Bossy's brilliance was unstoppable and his production relentless throughout his entire career," NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said Friday. "He thrilled fans like few others.'

An Islanders spokesman said Bossy was in his native Montreal, where the team will play Friday night against the Canadiens. Before taking the ice on an emotional night at Bell Centre, Islanders forward Anthony Beauvillier shared what Bossy meant to his family and career.

"Mike Bossy was a name often mentioned in my household growing up as my father idolized him," Beauvillier wrote on Instagram. "He would tell stories about how good of a goal scorer he is and how he would make it so easy. When I first put the (Islanders) jersey on... it's the first thing my dad told me 'Same



Hockey Hall of Famer and former New York Islander Mike Bossy waves to fans as he is introduced before a game between the Islanders and Boston Bruins at Nassau Coliseum in 2015 in Uniondale, New York. Bossy, one of hockey's most prolific goal-scorers and a star during the Islanders' dynasty in the 1980s, died Thursday after a battle with lung cancer. He was 65. KATHY KMONICEK/AP

team as Mike.' It's always been an honor for me wearing the same jersey as Mike."

Bossy helped the Islanders win the Stanley Cup four straight years from 1980-83, earning the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP in 1982. He scored the Cup-winning goal in 1982 and '83 — one of just two players to do so in back-to-back seasons.

"That's certainly something I'm proud of," Bossy said in 1983 after scoring the second Cup-winning goal.

Bossy was a first-round pick in 1977 and played his entire

10-year NHL career with New York. He won the Calder Trophy as rookie of the year, got the Lady Byng Trophy for gentlemanly conduct three times and led the league in goals twice.

Bossy scored 50 or more goals in each of his first nine seasons the league's longest streak. He and Wayne Gretzky are the only players in hockey history with nine 50-goal seasons.

"The New York Islanders organization mourns the loss of Mike Bossy, an icon not only on Long Island but the entire hockey world," Islanders presi-

dent and general manager Lou Lamoriello said. "His drive to be the best every time he stepped on the ice was second to none. Along with his teammates, he helped win four straight Stanley Cup championships, shaping the history of this franchise forever."

Bossy was just the second player to score 50 goals in 50 games — a feat that has only been matched three times since. He remains the all-time leader in goals per game in the regular season at 0.762, and only two players have recorded more hat tricks than Bossy's 39.

He ranks third in points a game and seventh on the all-time scoring list. Those are all in the regular season when Bossy put up some of the best numbers in the history of the game. In the playoffs, Bossy was even more clutch. He is the only player with four game-winners in the same playoff series and he scored three playoff overtime goals.

Led by Bossy, Clark Gillies, Bryan Trottier and defenseman Denis Potvin, the Islanders succeeded Scotty Bowman's 1970s Montreal Canadiens as the NHL's next dynasty before Gretzky's Edmonton Oilers took over the sport.

Bossy was an eight-time All-Star and finished with 573 goals and 553 assists for 1,126 points in 752 regular-season games. He was the fastest player to reach the 100-goal mark and currently ranks 22nd on the career goals list. In the playoffs, Bossy had 160 points in 129

Back and knee injuries ultimately ended his career in 1987. He was limited to 38 goals in 63 games and unable to return for an 11th season.

Williams

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May but couldn't play because of the suspension.

"I was kind of heartbroken on multiple levels," Williams says. "One, that the situation wasn't handled professionally and it felt like it could have been handled so much better. And two, I was disappointed because [Wade] was really the last person I expected to not understand. And yeah, I mean, I made the choice. I made the choice to go to France and not play in the WNBA. And obviously, I have zero regrets about that, but I would be lying if I said it didn't take a toll on me mentally."

Williams claims the Sky were made aware of her intentions to play for France for years. The night before the franchise drafted her in 2018, she said she told Wade and the front office that if the French national team ever called she would go. The Chicago Sky did not respond when asked about the agreement this week.

Williams was born with dual citizenship between the United States and France, where her mother is from. She grew up speaking the language, and it has played a huge role in her identity. Her aspiration to play for "Les Bleues" came into form two years before her WNBA draft, when she watched the team face Team USA an exhibition game she attended to support former UConn teammate Breanna Stewart and UConn coach Geno Auriemma in 2016.

"I saw France in person for the first time and I was just like, God, if I ever have the chance to do this that would be amazing," Williams says.

Instead of being able to celebrate last spring, Williams was dealing with the fallout of her suspension and scrambling to get to France in less than a week. She was tasked with adjusting to a team full of players that had been together since their youth. But it soon became clear that she made the right decision.

Williams found a sense of pride and purpose playing for France. The experience allowed her to connect even more with that side of her family, who were excited to see her representing their country. She joked that many of those relatives didn't grasp how good she actually was until she was on "Les

"It's a whole other level than just being an athlete," Williams explains. "You're representing your country, I'm representing my family, representing my heritage.... Seeing my family be so proud of me and them not even knowing much about basketball was — it's special, you know? It's something that goes beyond. I'm usually playing basketball for money, but it was the first time I was playing for something else."

She was also learning to play for

You know what, it gave me my reason," Williams says. "I think I finally found my reason. And that's like, I'm enjoying myself on the basketball court again."

Finding her purpose

As long as Williams can remember, basketball felt like a job. Even as a kid, it was more so that she was pushed into playing rather than choosing to. She was always competitive and loved the bonds she formed with teammates, but as she started getting good, it became more a means for providing than anything else. It was an avenue to earn a scholarship, to get paid as a professional. But a switch flipped last summer with the French team.

Williams was pegged as a swissarmy knife player known for her defense. She was often tasked with playing positions one through four. which she says made it hard to ever feel fully comfortable or confident in her game. She jokes looking back now that she was a "5-foot-10 four who was scared to shoot."

With the French national team, and Sopron as well, Williams was able to focus on the wing position. It allowed her to develop her on-court identity and make major improvements to her game. It certainly showed in Tokyo, where she averaged 10.7 points, 6.2 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 2.8 steals

per game. "I was really enjoying my job for the first time," Williams says. "And I was like. This is who I want to be. I was teaching myself, This is what life can be like for you. This is what vour career can be like for you. And

it's helped me improve.' Williams had a monster performance to lead France to a victory over Serbia in the bronze-medal game. She scored 17 points and made four 3-pointers on five attempts, while also adding eight rebounds and four assists. She said

it was "the best moment of my life." Following the conclusion of the Games, the French teams that won medals attended a special event in Paris, where they were welcomed back by fans in front of the Eiffel Tower.

"I remember seeing everyone and being like, I really made it. I'm really in front of the Eiffel Tower. Look at all these French fans," Williams recalls. "I've always been so proud to be French, so to get such love and reaction ... I definitely had that moment where I was just like, Wow, I did it. I made

But then everything went still. In an instant, Williams went from the thrill of chasing a medal and feeling entirely in her purpose to having to watch the WNBA season from the sidelines.

"There's definitely that post-Olympic depression, I would

It all reached a boiling point several months later, about midway through her season with

"I kind of hit a wall after going up and down emotionally for so many months," Williams says. "I was like. I don't know if I can do this anymore. I've never felt this way



France's Gabby Williams smiles after scoring a basket during the women's bronze-medal basketball match between Serbia and France during the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games on Aug. 7. Williams says she found a sense of pride and purpose in playing for France last summer. ARIS MESSINIS/AFP

She would wake up in the mornings in a deep fog, physically and mentally exhausted before the days had even begun.

"Alright, get through today," she kept telling herself, over and over. "Get through this day."

Williams was in the middle of a basketball season, trying to fulfill obligations as a player and leader for her team.

She did everything she could to pull herself out of that depression, working on her mental and physical health on a daily basis with the encouragement of her support

"I just tried to kind of recreate myse..." Williams started to say before catching herself mid-sentence. Something immediately clicked about the way she wants to talk about herself. It's a subtle switch of gears, but there's a sense of pride in her voice as she acknowledges the key difference. "Or rebuild myself. I needed to rebuild myself midway through the season, and things eventually got better and better."

Continuing to work on practicing self grace was a huge part of that process.

"I was starting to become a bit more known in Europe and having higher expectations," Williams said.

Williams placed a lot of that pressure on her own shoulders. Looking back now, she thinks that probably played a part in why she hit that wall midseason. Determined to get out of it, she made a continuous effort to turn her usual negative self-talk into a more positive tone of encouragement.

"I just had to remind myself, like, I'm human. I'm human, I make human mistakes. Not everything can go my way all the time," Williams says. "I was just taking it day by day, giving myself grace, working on my mental and phys-

ical health. And it all worked out." It certainly did. Not just in her mental health journey or her play

on the court to lead Sopron to

the title (she had 16 points, four

rebounds, four steals and three

assists in the championship), Williams landed in an ideal situation for her WNBA return.

A calming Storm

Stewart had been pushing for her college teammate to come to Seattle for some time, including the night before the EuroLeague Final Four in April 2021. Williams says that night was when she expected to be traded by the Sky.

"Stewie called me to her room," Williams recalls with a laugh, "And she was just like, 'Do you want to? Would you be interested?"

The plan for that initial trade didn't happen but something certainly did feel like fate when the Sparks traded her to Storm in exchange for another former Husky, Katie Lou Samuelson, and a No. 9 pick in the 2022 draft this February.

"[Stewart] texted me earlier in the year just like, 'Hey, there's maybe a situation you could come to Seattle," Williams recalls. "And I was like, Oh God, here it goes. Stewie's brought it up to me a few times, I just didn't know it was actually going to happen."

On Feb. 3, she was sitting with Sopron teammate Briann January at an airport in France when the news broke that she would get to join Stewart, January and fellow UConn alum Sue Bird in Seattle.

"It was cool because I got to celebrate with Bri, who had just signed to Seattle as well," Williams says.

Joining forces with January and Stewart in Seattle is special, but what excites Williams, even more, is the opportunity to show everyone how much she has evolved, especially after all the trials and tribulations of the past year.

"I do feel more confident," Williams says. "I think I know who I am now. I think I know the player that I'm supposed to be. Because before, I had no clue."

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ADVERTISING SECTION



INEOS Automotive's Grenadier is touted as a "spiritual successor" to the Land Rover Defender. Brought to life by the billionaire Jim Ratcliffe, it is poised to arrive this year. INEOS AUTOMOTIVE

A rugged newcomer

Makers of Grenadier look to fill void left by Land Rover's absence

By Mercedes Lilienthal

The New York Times

HAMBACH, France
— After a 33-year production run, the last original Land Rover Defender was built in 2016, ending a rugged-yet-refined era for off-road pursuits. Jaguar Land Rover, owned by Tata Motors, part of an Indian conglomerate, shifted its focus to luxury and technology with plans for a new 4x4, also named Defender but disconnected from its predecessors.

A year later, Jim Ratcliffe. a British billionaire and longtime fan of Land Rover's old Defender, sensed an opportunity, hatching his plan for what he called "a spiritual successor" to the vehicle of choice for exploration and safaris. As the chief executive of the INEOS Group, a British conglomerate, Ratcliffe had a unique ability to act, lining up a senior team of automotive professionals to bring his vision to life: a new workhorse 4x4. In a 2017 interview, he said he wanted to preserve the Defender's boxy, military-style ruggedness.

This year, INEOS Automotive is bringing out the

Grenadier.

Although some styling cues might bring to mind the former Defender, INEOS Automotive maintains that the Grenadier is uniquely designed and built. Land Rover, while clear about its path away from its utilitarian Defender, "continues to contest our right to sell the Grenadier," said Greg Clark, executive vice president for the Americas at INEOS Automotive, but the legal challenges have not been successful.

Over 2 million Land Rovers were built from 1948 to 2016, under different model names. The Defender's legacy started with the Land Rover 110, which was offered from 1983 to 1991, when it was assigned the Defender name. Its design and abilities turned some notable heads, and famous owners have reportedly included Fidel Castro, Queen Elizabeth II and Bill Murray (although the United States got the Defender 110 for only one year, 1993, said Jeff Aronson, editor of Rovers Magazine).

The Grenadier is a utilitarian throwback with modern touches, mechan-

ical where it can be but electronic wherever necessary. Fewer engine control units equal more simplicity. Although gasoline and diesel prototypes are being produced, hydrogen and all-electric options are possible. At its introduction this summer, North America will receive only the gasoline Grenadier.

"For the customer who wishes to get off the grid, an EV powertrain is incongruous with the Grenadier's positioning in today's world," Clark said. "Given the size, construction and capability of the Grenadier, it would likely require an untenable amount of battery weight to provide the customer with a range adequate to not cause anxiety and still be usable and attractive for off-road expeditions."

That pragmatism and raw capability, "combined with the straightforward nature of our sales process, form core tenets of our commitment to our target customer," Clark said.

Customers are responding. INEOS says that it has 15,000 orders, ahead of company forecasts, and that one-third are for the U.S. market. INEOS recently bought a Mercedes-Benz Smart car factory in Hambach, France, and intends for Grenadiers to roll off the

line by July. The goal is to build 25,000 to 30,000 a year.

While ambitious for an upstart, it is a fraction of what is sold by the American off-road king: Jeep, which has 80 years of history and sold 204,610 Wrangler 4x4s last year.

"We're expecting the U.S. to be one of our biggest markets, if not the biggest," said Donna Falconer, the global head of product at INEOS Automotive.

"Someone once said to me, "Trying to sell a pickup in the U.S., the home of the pickup, is like trying to sell espresso to the Italians," Falconer said. "We know we've got our work in convincing people we've got a worthy vehicle."

Before INEOS announced the Grenadier's interior, it tested the cockpit's design with U.S. focus groups in early 2021. "When you look at our aspiration versus the size of the North American market, we're a drop in the ocean, and that's OK," Falconer said.

Facconer said.

Focus groups included serious off-roaders and SUV and pickup truck owners, to understand the features that people prefer.

"We talk about this workplay access or continuum," Falconer said, "or tool and toy — two extremes." Customers may use their vehicle as a tool to do their job. "They may be farmers. They may be tree surgeons," she said. "They may be mountain rescue, you know?"

On the other hand, she highlighted the off-road enthusiast: "Four-by-fouring is their hobby. It needs to be super cool, super capable and so on."

In the middle is the lifestyle consumer. "We're not targeting the image lifestyle people, but we'll probably get some," Falconer said. "The adventure lifestylist, people that actually get out there."

To Falconer, this segment may be only weekend warriors but will be mountain biking, mountaineering, kayaking, skiing and more. "They need a vehicle that can get them and their kit there," she said. "With that," she went on, "we're going to be a niche player, probably a little bit of a boutique unusual choice."

In the 2017 interview, at the Grenadier pub in London, Ratcliffe said Jaguar's decision to end the original Defender "had left quite a hole in the marketplace." He criticized contemporary SUVs as "jelly molds" that all look alike. Clark touched on the company's early plans. "As for any newcomer, building brand equity, fostering consideration and deliver-

ing on promises are the key ingredients of a successful start," he said. His goal is to keep in touch with reservation holders to build their trust.

Clark mentioned the big-name competition: the Ford Bronco, the Wrangler, Toyota's 4Runner. "However, as adjacent competitors we of course consider the Toyota Land Cruiser, Land Rover Defender and, to a lesser degree in this generation, the Mercedes G-Wagon," he said. It will be a crowded and competitive market, but INEOS is confident in its niche.

The company so far has 100 sales and service partners lined up, as well as retail finance partners and parts distributors.

Once the vehicles start rolling, INEOS has a "clear and attainable path toward profitability," Clark said. "We're committed to ensuring our retail partners are also profitable — a solid foundation for ensuring that customer service and community support are delivered."

Hydrogen and all-electric Grenadiers are already in development, with a hydrogen fuel-cell prototype set for road testing by the end of the year. Additionally, a four-door crew-cab pickup truck is projected for 2023.

4 SUVs that could help you save at the pump

By Miles Branman Edmunds

As of this writing, the national average fuel price is \$4.24 per gallon, according to AAA.

Up 20% from a month ago, gas prices aren't likely to taper off or deflate unless crude oil supply improves or consumer demand softens.

Edmunds highlights five SUVs based on a combination of EPA-estimated fuel economy and our test team's full evaluations of performance, utility and

more.

2022 Ford Escape

Hybrid: Offered in both
conventional and plug-in
hybrid variations, the 2022
Ford Escape is one the most
fuel-efficient small SUVs
you can buy. The standard
hybrid earns an EPA-estimated 41 mpg combined
(44 city/37 highway),
giving it a total potential
maximum range of 582
miles. The plug-in hybrid
returns 40 combined mpg

ciency with 37 miles of electric-only operation. Starting price: \$30,415

and supplements its effi-

2022 Toyota Rav4
Hybrid: Like the Escape,
Toyota's RAV4 is offered
in both hybrid and plug-in
flavors. The conventional
hybrid nets 40 combined
mpg (41 city/38 highway)
for a total max range of 580
miles. The RAV4 Prime
PHEV scores 38 combined
mpg and a class-leading
42-mile all-electric range.
Better still, the Prime is

downright quick with 302 horsepower and a 0 to 60 mph sprint of just 5.6 seconds. Starting price: \$30,290

Hyundai Tucson Hybrid:
The Hyundai Tucson small
SUV is fully redesigned
for 2022. In addition to
distinctive new styling
and features, Hyundai has
added hybrid powertrains
to the Tucson's portfolio. Rated at 38 combined
mpg (38 city/38 highway), and slightly less on
higher trims, the standard



The 2022 Ford Escape Hybrid. FORD MOTOR CO.

hybrid can travel up to an estimated 521 miles on a single tank. Alternatively, the plug-in model returns 35 combined mpg and offers 33 miles of all-electric range. Starting price: \$30,595.

Toyota Highlander Hybrid: The 2022 Toyota Highlander Hybrid touts class-leading fuel economy of 36 mpg combined (36 city/35 highway), for a total range of 616 miles. Toyota's modest upcharge over the base Highlander and lower starting price than rivals keep the Hybrid attainable. Starting price: \$40,270

MOTORING



The 2023 Mazda CX-50 is available in 10 packages with two powertrain choices. MAZDA

AUTO REVIEW

The 2023 CX-50 2.5 Turbo is a different kind of Mazda

By Larry Printz Tribune News Service

The essence of luxury is scarcity. The rarer an item is, the more you have to pay for it. Sure, quality of materials, unusual engineering enters into it as well. But scarcity is a key component.

Now consider Mazda. Last year, the eight models Mazda sells in the U.S. totaled 332.756 cars and crossover utility vehicles. In contrast, Toyota sold 407,739 RAV4s. This means if you drive a Mazda, you won't see yourself coming and going on every corner like a RAV4, although odds are Mazda would prefer if its bestselling CUV, the CX-5, were seen on every corner.

But the Hiroshima, Japan-based automaker's profile is about to get a major boost with the opening of Mazda Toyota Manufacturing U.S. Plant in Huntsville, Ālabama. The \$2.3 billion joint venture between Mazda and Toyota has a production capacity of 300,000 units annually, with half of the plant's production going to Mazda.

And the company is pinning its volume hopes on one new vehicle: the 2023 Mazda CX-50.

Climb inside and you'll be greeted by Mazda's familiar premium ambi2023 Mazda CX-50

Price: \$26,800-\$41,550 Engine: Turbocharged 2.5-liter four-cylinder Horsepower/Torque: 256/310 pound-feet EPA fuel economy (city/ **highway):** 23/29 mpg Fuel required: 93 Octane Length/Width/Height: 185.8/75.6/63.9 inches Cargo capacity:

29.6 cubic feet

Towing capacity:

3,500 pounds

ance. Bling is kept to a minimum, with some chrome accents, lots of soft-touch points and stitching to lend the vehicle an upscale feel. But it's let down by hard plastic on the side of the transmission tunnel, an oversight a true premium automaker wouldn't make.

The instrument panel's simple, elegant appearance features a bilevel climate control design with commonly used buttons, such as fan speed and recirculation, on top and seat heat/cooling below it, with both rows nestled between knobs to control the temperature for each passenger. It's a clever design used on other Mazdas and it works well.

The driver faces a reconfigurable instrument cluster, and a sanely sized touchscreen. Mazda's info-

tainment display is short but wide, and controlled by a knob on the center console. Mazda chose this approach so that the driver concentrates on driving rather than looking at the screen.

When it does come time to drive, buyers will have a choice of two "Skvactiv-G" 2.5-liter four-cylinder engines, either normally aspirated or turbocharged.

Uniquely, all CX-50s come with a six-speed automatic transmission, not the more common eight-, nine- or 10-speed automatic. This is no accident. Engineers have gone to great effort to endow the CX-50's driveline with a smoothness uncommon to turbocharged drivelines.

Steering is quick and accurate and the ride is firm. Yet there's some body rebound to remind you of its off-road presence. That said, ride settles down at highway speed.

But the CX-50 differs from other Mazdas thanks to its Off-Road driving mode, which admirably prepares the car once the sidewalk ends. Mazda has done an admirable job of endowing the CX-50 with some off-road chops. This makes for a very tempting proposition for those whose driving takes them off-road, as well as on.

And it makes for a rare Mazda, and a rare gem.

Why is engine light on?



Bob Weber Motormouth

Q: I have a Chevy and it has 154,550 miles. We bought a keyed gas cap because we thought that we could protect our car from having the gas stolen. All of a sudden, the engine light went on. I went to an Auto Zone store and they did a Fix Finder report. It showed we had an EVAP. **Emission Control System** Leak detected. I figured it was the new gas cap, which was not easy to put on. Decided to put the old one back, thinking maybe the threads were compromised. Turned the engine light off, per instructions. Went back to Auto Zone and still getting the same diagnosis. They told me to inspect the fuel cap gasket. How worried should Ibe?

- C.O., Skokie, Illinois A: The error code that the Auto Zone folks got is most often a bad fuel cap or its gasket. Your first concern is that your car will not pass its next emissions inspection. Although the car will run fine, it is polluting the air. But the cap is not the only source of problems. There is a charcoal canister designed to temporarily hold vapors and then there are various vapor lines, solenoids and other stuff.

Since a new fuel cap didn't solve the problem, you will need a professional technician to examine the system with a computerized scan tool to isolate the culprit.

Q: Since Car Talk is no longer with us you have been my main source of auto advice. I've had a car in my life since the early 1960s (a Pontiac Catalina) and have witnessed many



You may need a professional to examine your car when your check engine light goes on. BJÖRN WYLEZICH/DREAMSTIME

changes since then. One of them seems to be how the glass on the windows now has the property of rain beading on their surface instead of running down and off. My rear window is completely covered with water during a rainstorm and it is impossible to see what is behind me. Am I imaging this or are they treated differently than they were back then? — J.M., Illinois

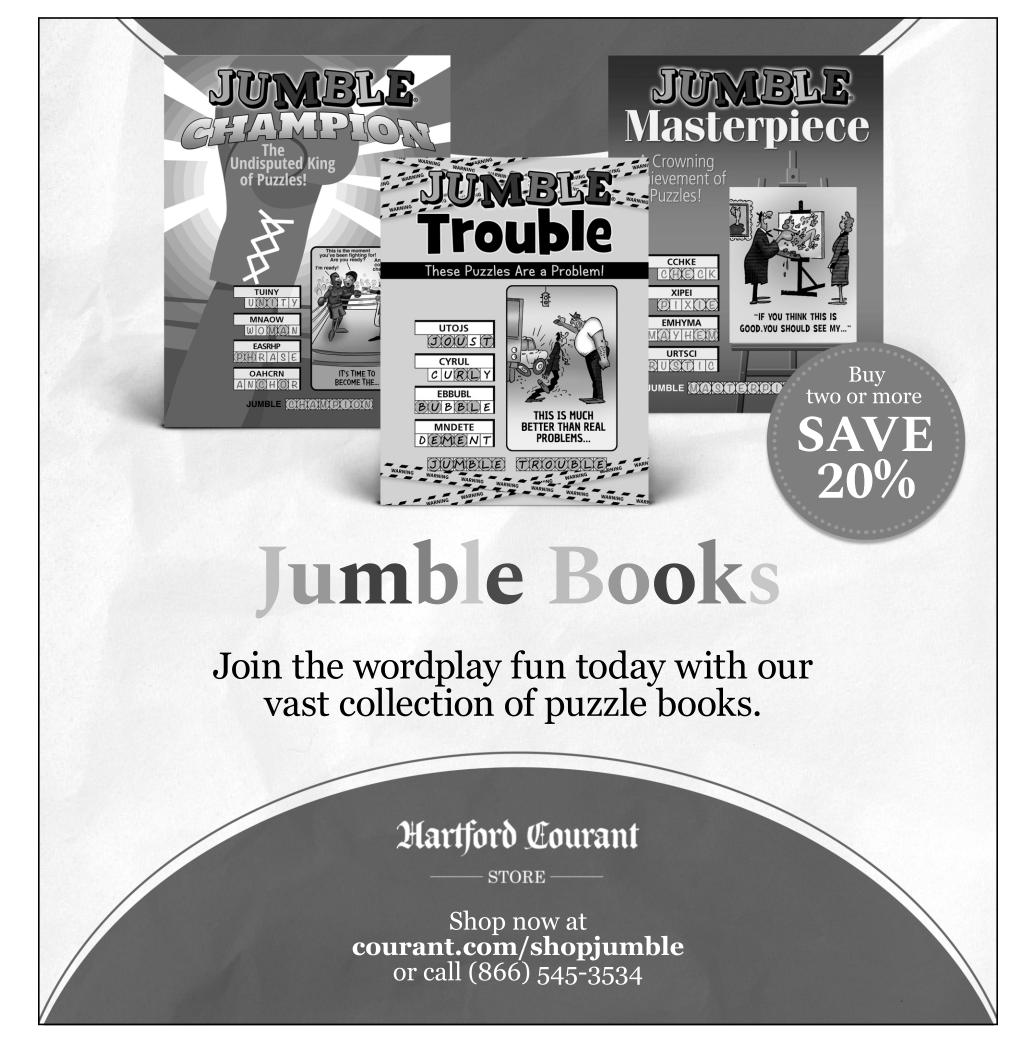
A: I am not aware of factory rain repelling coatings on the car glass. You didn't say what car you are driving, but if it is a boxy vehicle, eddy currents in the airflow could be creating a dead area or vacuum area in the back. I miss Click and Clack, too.

Q: I check the oil level regularly on my 2014 Kia Soul Plus. I have it serviced regularly at the dealership and in the eight years that we have owned it, it has 40,290 miles on it. I have the oil changed twice a year to be on the safe side, since I average only 5,000 miles per vear. I check the level myself between changes. When I checked it this time, it showed the oil on the dipstick to be halfway between the

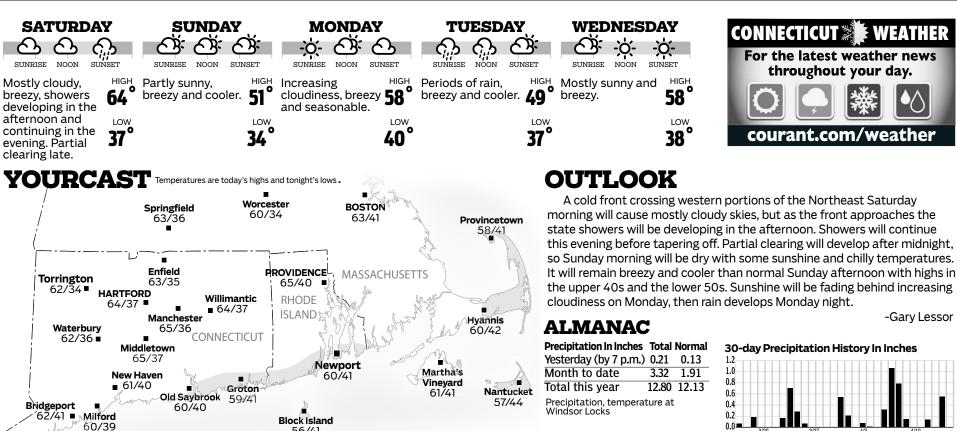
two marks. I went into the dealership to check if this was OK. The service adviser told me this is right where it should be. I went online to get an answer, and one site said "in the middle" between the two marks, and another site said, nearer the top mark. Who is right?

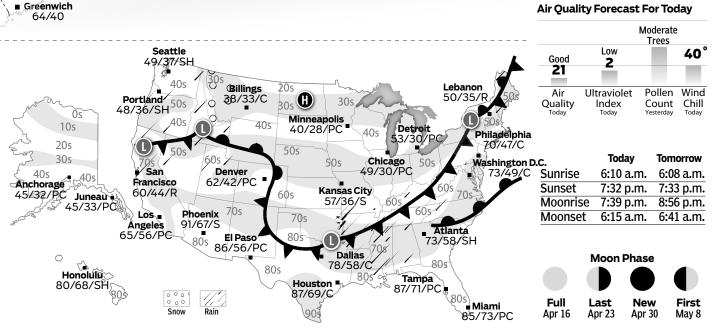
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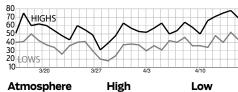
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Last **Heating Degree Days** Season For July 1 - April 15 4957 5039 5464

30-day Temperature History



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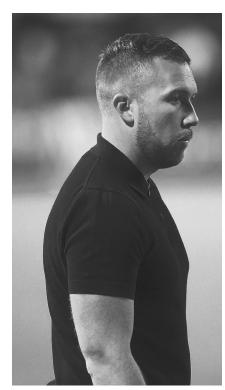
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HARTFORD ATHLETIC

Athletic still seeking 1st USL Championship win



Hartford Athletic manager Harry Watling. **BRAD HORRIGAN/HARTFORD COURANT**

By Staff Report Hartford Courant

AROUND THE WORLD Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

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WORLD

Amsterdam

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Okla. City

Orlando

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St. Louis

Pittsburgh

San Antonio

San Diego

New Orleans

The last-place Hartford Athletic (0-3-1) are still seeking their first USL Championship victory of the season as they head south to take on Miami FC on Saturday at FIU Stadium.

The Athletic, in 14th place in the Eastern Conference, are coming off a 2-1 road loss against Birmingham Legion FC Sunday. Birmingham's Juan Agudelo scored first off a penalty in the 39th minute. Hartford answered with an Ash Apollon goal, his first of the season, assisted by Andre Lewis. In stoppage time, Anderson Asiedu scored the game-winning goal off a header to give the Legion the victory. This season, Hartford goalkeeper Austin Pack has allowed seven goals in four games and made six saves, sporting a 1.77 GAA.

Despite scoring just one second-half goal in USL Championship play this season, the Athletic have shown a stronger attacking third play in the last 45 minutes of each of their matches. Last week against Birmingham, Hartford had nine first-half entries compared to 26 second-half entries and it doubled its shots. Miami FC (2-2-1) sits in sixth place in the Eastern Conference. It is coming off an impressive 1-0 road victory against Tampa Bay. Pierre Da Silva scored the lone goal as Miami FC snapped the Rowdies' four-game winning streak.

Saturday's game looks to be a defensive battle. Both teams have scored just four USL Championship goals this season but have conceded no more than two per game.

Here's what else you need to know about the matchup.

The basics

Kingston

Lisbon

London

Milan

Mexico City

Montreal

Moscow

Nassau

Paris

Rome

Prague

New Delhi

Rio de Janeiro

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Time: 7 p.m.

Venue: FIU Stadium, Miami, Florida Opponent: Miami FC. 2-2-1, sixth place in Eastern Conference

TV: WCTX MyTV9 Livestream: ESPN+ or hartfordathletic.com/

Series history

Hartford went 2-1-1 against Miami during the 2021 season, splitting the two games at FIU Stadium.

Up next

Hartford will host Major League Soccer's New York Red Bulls in the third round of the U.S. Open Cup at Trinity Health Stadium on Wednesday at 7 p.m. It will be the Athletic's first official match against an MLS opponent.

REGIONAL DIGEST

Yard Goats swept at New Hampshire

New Hampshire pitchers limited Yard Goats batters to six hits in two games as the Fisher Cats swept an Eastern League Northeast Division doubleheader from Hartford, 5-2 and 8-0, on Friday in Manchester, N.H.

In the opening game, New Hampshire starter Joey Murray and two relievers combined to hold Hartford to three hits, including Jimmy Herron's second home run of the season. Mitchell Kilkenny (0-2) was the starter and loser, pitching five

pitching staff tightened up even more as Nick Fraze (1-0) picked up the win allowing

The Hartford Wolf Pack's late-season swoon continued with a 4-1 AHL loss at

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

THURSDAY'S LATE **HIGH SCHOOL** RESULTS

BASEBALL

OLD LYME 7, PORTLAND 4 OL 310-003-0-7-10-1 P 001-000-3-4-7-1 **WP:** Maverick Swaney. **LP:** Spencer Rosado. **HR: P**–Mike Quesnel. Rec.:

GIRLS LACROSSE

TOLLAND 7, SOMERS 5 Goals: T – Kaia Joffray (2), Allison Cyr (2), Mollie Pacheco (2), Marena Morales; S – Caroline Colton (2), Jamie Anthony (2), Palmer Oliveri, Saves: T-Kelis Hurst, 7; S-Elena Riggins, 11. Rec.: T-2-0; S-1-3

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

CCC-Inter: Enfield at Newington, noon; Windsor at Lewis Mills, 1p.m.

Shoreline: Old Lyme at Morgan, 10:30 a.m.; East Hampton at North Branford,

1p.m. SCC: Shelton at Lyman Hall, 11a.m.; Xavier at Sheehan, 1p.m. ECC: Windham at Killingly, noon NVL: Torrington at St. Paul, 1p.m. Others: Windsor Locks at St. Bernard. 11a.m.; Northwestern at Maloney, 11 a.m.; Westhill at Glastonbury, noon; Danbury at New Britain, 1p.m.; Greenwich at Southington, 1p.m.

SOFTBALL

BASEBALL

CCC-South: Bristol Central at Berlin,

Shoreline: Morgan at Old Lyme, 10:30 a.m.
ECC: Montville at Windham, 11a.m.

NVL: St. Paul at Torrington, 11a.m.
Others: Sheehan at Platt, 11a.m.; Stamford at Glastonbury, 11a.m

BOYS LACROSSI

Others: Watertown at Newington, 9 a.m.; St. Paul at Suffield/Windsor Locks, 10a.m.; Foran at Morgan, 10:30 a.m.; Norwich Tech/Windham Tech at Ledyard/Griswold, 11a.m.; South Windsor at Hamden, 11a.m.; E.O. Smith at Woodstock Academy, 11a.m.: RHAM at Rockville co-op, 11a.m.; Southington at New Milford, noon; Hingham (Mass.) at Simsbury, 1p.m.; Glastonbury at Cheshire, 1p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Others: Cheshire at Newtown, 10a.m.; Rockville at Foran, 11a.m.; Guilford at Simsbury, 3:30p.m. TRACK & FIFI D

Others: Hillhouse Novice Meet, 10a.m.; Lady Hawks Invite (Bloomfield HS),

BOYS TENNIS

Shoreline: Morgan at Coginchaug,

GIRLS TENNIS

Shoreline: Coginchaug at Morgan, 10:30a.m.; East Hampton at Cromwell.

FRIDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS BASEBALL

CENTRAL AT SACRED HEART, LATE TRINITY AT AMHERST, LATE **EASTERN AT SOUTHERN MAINE (2),**

MONMOUTH AT QUINNIPIAC, LATE FAIRFIELD AT MANHATTAN, LATE

SOFTBALL

PROVIDENCE AT UCONN, LATE ALBANY AT HARTFORD, LATE WESLEYAN AT WILLIAMS, LATE CASTLETON AT EASTERN (2), LATE SACRED HEART AT LIU (2), LATE FAIRFIELD AT MONMOUTH (2), LATE

BRANDEIS AT WESLEYAN, LATE

WOMEN'S TENNIS

UCONN AT RHODE ISLAND, LATE BRANDEIS AT WESLEYAN, LATE SATURDAY'S **COLLEGE**

SCHEDULE BASEBALL

Brown at Yale (2), 11:30a.m. UConn at Seton Hall (2), noon Trinity at Amherst (2), noon Wesleyan at Hamilton (2), noon Monmouth at Quinnipiac, noon Fairfield at Manhattan, noon Hartford at UMass Lowell, 1p.m. Central at Sacred Heart, 1p.m.

SOFTBALL

Princeton at Yale, 11a.m. Albany at Hartford (2), noon Trinity at Amherst (2), noon Wesleyan at Williams (2), noon

St. Joseph at Johnson & Wales (2), noon Rider at Quinnipiac (2), noon Sacred Heart at LIU, noon St. Peter's at Fairfield (2), noon Providence at UConn, 2p.m.

MEN'S LACROSSE Hamilton at Trinity, 1p.m.

Wesleyan at Tufts, 1p.m. Castleton at Eastern, 1p.m. Rivier at St. Joseph, 1p.m. Yale at Brown, 1p.m. Sacred Heart at Bryant, 1p.m. Fairfield at UMass, 3:30p.m. Quinnipiac at Virginia, 8p.m.

OMEN'S LACROSSE

Quinnipiac at Canisius, 11a.m. Trinity at Hamilton, noon Yale at Cornell, noon Fairfield at Niagara, noon Villanova at UConn, 1p.m. Howard at Central, 1p.m. Tufts at Wesleyan, 1p.m. St. Joseph at Rivier, 1p.m. LIU at Sacred Heart, 1p.m. Eastern at Castleton, 4p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

Trinity at Hamilton, 10a.m. WOMEN'S TENNIS

Emory at Wesleyan, 1p.m Trinity at Hamilton, 2p.m. **SUNDAY'S COLLEGE**

SCHEDULE

Hartford at UMass Lowell, noon Brown at Yale, noon

SOFTBALL

innings, allowing five runs on six hits.

In the nightcap, the New Hampshire three hits — all singles — over five innings.

Wolf Pack lose at Toronto

the Toronto Marlies. Hartford has lost seven of eight in the month of April and 15 of 18 dating back to March 12. Hartford has four games remaining in the regular season beginning with Saturday night at Rochester.

- Staff reports

Princeton at Yale (2), 11a.m.

Big East baseball standings

Team: CONF: CPCT: OVR: PCT UConn; 4-0; 1.000; 26-7; .788

Creighton; 4-0; 1.000; 19-8; .704

Xavier; 2-2; .500; 18-17; .514 Seton Hall; 2-2; .500; 8-24; .250 Georgetown; 3-4; .429; 21-13; .618

Villanova; 3-4; .429; 11-17-1; .397 Butler; 1-3; .250; 15-19; .441 St. John's; 0-4; .000; 12-22; .353

SATURDAY'S

Creighton at St. John's (2), noon Villanova at Xavier, 1p.m.

Georgetown at Butler, 1p.m.

UConn at Seton Hall, 3p.m. Big East softball standings Team; CONF; CPCT; OVR; PCT

UConn; 13-2; .867; 26-13; .667 Providence; 8-4; .667; 21-12; .636 Villanova; 8-4; .667; 20-19; .513

Butler; 9-5; .643; 22-14; .611 DePaul; 6-6; .500; 17-19; .472 Seton Hall; 5-8; .385; 16-16; .500

Creighton; 4-10; .286; 14-18; .438 St. John's; 4-11; .267; 10-27; .270 Georgetown; 2-9; .182; 12-21; .364

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

PROVIDENCE AT UCONN, LATE SETON HALL AT GEORGETOWN, LATE ST. JOHN'S AT DEPAUL (2), LATE

VILLANOVA AT CREIGHTON, LATE

Seton Hall at Georgetown, noon

Villanova at Creighton, 1p.m.

SATURDAY'S

St. John's at DePaul, 1p.m.

Providence at UConn, 2p.m

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FRIDAY'S RESULTS VILLANOVA AT XAVIER, LATE GEORGETOWN AT BUTLER, LATE

Eastern League standings Northeast; W; L; PCT; GB Somerset; 4; 2; .667; — Hartford; 3; 2; .600; 0.5 New Hampshire; 3; 2; .600; 0.5 Portland; 3; 3; .500; 1 Binghamton; 2; 4; .333; 2 Reading; 2; 4; .333; 2 Southwest; W; L; PCT; GB Richmond; 2; 1; .667; — Akron; 3; 3; .500; 0.5 Bowie; 3; 3; .500; 0.5 Erie; 3; 3; .500; 0.5 Harrisburg; 3; 3; .500; 0.5 Altoona; 1; 2; .333; 1

THURSDAY'S LATE **RESULTS PORTLAND 4, HARRISBURG 3 (10)**

SOMERSET 5, ERIE 4 RICHMOND 5, ALTOONA 4 BOWIE 10, BINGHAMTON 2 **AKRON 5, READING 3**

FRIDAY'S RESULTS HARTFORD AT NEW HAMPSHIRE (2), **ERIE AT SOMERSET, LATE**

ALTOONA AT RICHMOND, LATE BOWIE AT BINGHAMTON, LATE PORTLAND AT HARRISBURG, LATE READING AT AKRON, LATE

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Bowie at Binghamton, 1p.m. Reading at Akron (2), 3:30p.m. Portland at Harrisburg, 6p.m. Altoona at Richmond, 6p.m. Hartford at New Hampshire, 6:30p.m. Erie at Somerset, 6:30p.m.

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Dish reaches for spring



By Melissa Clark The New York Times

hese earliest days of spring are always the most frustrating, at least when it comes to dinner. Although the weather is getting milder, the stalls of my farmers' market remain largely a barren field of potato-beige and onion skin-brown, with any leafy green bounty still many weeks away.

By this time of year, though, I've grown weary of my cold-weather roster of soups, stews and braises. March is when I start to cook brighter, tangier dishes, even if the winter ingredients I'm using haven't changed at all. Parsnips, onions, carrots, cabbage and cauliflower are still on the menu, but their preparations are a little And so it goes with this vegetarian

take on shawarma, which walks the line between being cozy and effervescently

Instead of the usual lamb, chicken or turkey, this shawarma variation consists



Instead of the usual lamb, chicken or turkey, this shawarma variation consists of cauliflower and onions, roasted until caramelized and tender.

of cauliflower and onions, roasted until caramelized and tender. A sprinkling of coriander, cumin and paprika — the same spices used to marinate shawarma — is added to the vegetables, imbuing them with a pungent scent.

If you served the spiced vegetables as a side dish with chicken or sausages, you'd get a meal perfectly suited for the snowiest winter evening. But paired with a lemony tahini spiked with hot sauce, and topped with juicy cucumbers, tomatoes and briny olives, you have something that feels like it's dreaming of summer.

This recipe makes just enough for a pair of hungry diners. If you want to double it, use two pans, dividing the vegetables evenly between them. Then add a few extra minutes onto the roasting time. Properly crisp-edged vegetables need room to brown, and two pans of food in your oven require more cooking time than

You can tuck everything into a pita, wrap it in flatbread or just serve the bread on the side. That way, your loved ones can choose the exact ratio of vegetables to sauce to bread, and make a meal that feels the most like spring.

CAULIFLOWER SHAWARMA WITH SPICY TAHINI

Makes: 2 servings Total time: 45 minutes

For the cauliflower:

5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more as needed

1¼ teaspoons ground cumin 11/4 teaspoons sweet paprika

3/4 teaspoon fine sea or table salt, plus more as needed

1 teaspoon ground coriander ¼ teaspoon ground turmeric

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper Pinch of ground cayenne

1 large head cauliflower (about 2 1/2 pounds), trimmed and cut into bite-size

1 large red onion, cut into 1/4-inch wedges

Pita or flatbread, for serving 1/4 cup coarsely chopped parsley, plus

more for serving

For the spicy tahini sauce: 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice, plus more

to taste

1 to 2 teaspoons harissa paste or other hot sauce, or a large pinch of Urfa or Aleppo pepper, plus more to taste 1 fat garlic clove, finely grated, passed

1/4 teaspoon fine sea or table salt ⅓ cup tahini

through a press or minced

⅓ cup ice water, plus more as needed Diced tomato, cucumber and olives, for

1. Arrange racks in the upper and lower

thirds of your oven. Heat oven to 425 degrees.

2. Prepare the cauliflower: In a large bowl, whisk together olive oil, cumin, paprika, salt, coriander, turmeric, black pepper and cayenne. Add cauliflower and onion, and toss until well coated. Spread mixture in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet.

3. Roast vegetables on the top oven rack until they are golden brown, slightly crisp and tender, 30 to 40 minutes, stirring once or twice. If the vegetables look dry as they roast, drizzle with a little more

4. As they cook, prepare the tahini sauce: Whisk together lemon juice, 1 teaspoon harissa, garlic and salt in a small bowl, and let sit for a minute or two to mellow the garlic. Whisk in tahini. Whisk in ice water, 1 tablespoon at a time, until the sauce is smooth and thin enough to drizzle. You may not need all of the water or you may need to add a little more as tahini brands vary a lot. Taste and adjust seasoning, adding more harissa, lemon juice and salt if you like. The sauce should taste zippy and creamy.

5. Warm pitas or flatbread by placing them directly on bottom oven rack during the last 5 minutes as the vegetables roast. (Or you can warm the bread on another baking pan if that's easier for you.)

6. Scatter parsley on top of the roasted vegetables and serve with warm pitas. tahini sauce, chopped tomato, cucumber and olives.



Chicken Kiev, with a side of boiled potatoes and glazed carrots, is one of the best-known Ukrainian dishes. COLTER PETERSON/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH PHOTOS

Finding comfort

These Ukrainian recipes come right from the heart

By Daniel Neman | St. Louis Post-Dispatch

My grandfather came from the city of Boryspil in Ukraine. One-quarter of the blood in my veins is Ukrainian. In Ukraine, you cannot separate the people from the land, and you cannot separate the land from the food that is grown on it.

The soil of Ukraine is unsurpassed in its fertility. So much wheat is grown there that it is often called $the\, breadbasket\, of\, Europe.$

'You just need to drop a seed, and it will grow

there," said Tetiana Mouzi. Mouzi is a senior research chemist at Pfizer; she moved from the western part of Ukraine, in the Lviv region, to St. Louis in 1994. She thought she might stay there for just a few years. "It's a great city. We just fell in love, and we're still here," she said.

Though her family loves a wide variety of ethnic cuisines, Ukrainian food to her is comfort food. It's what she turns to when she is feeling nostalgic; it is what she turns to when times are bad.

"Whatever you ate when you were a child, it's always got that home-sweet-home feeling. The feeling of that warmth and smell and taste that your mom made, and your grandma. It always stays with you," she said.

Never has that been more true than now.

With the stress we are under, I have been making Ukrainian food," she said. Cabbage rolls are a meal common throughout the Slavic lands. Called golubtsi, the version here has a distinctly Ukrainian twist – carrots.

Shredded carrots are mixed into the tomato sauce that goes both on top of the cabbage rolls and inside them, where it is mixed together with rice and ground meat. I used a mixture of beef and turkey, but you could also use pork or even chicken.

The carrots add a natural earthy sweetness to the dish that perks up the mild-flavored cabbage. Some other cuisines add raisins or currants to sweeten the dish. but shredded carrots feel more organic to the overall flavor.

Chicken Kiev is one of the best-known Ukrainian dishes. It's named for the nation's capital, and there is even a small sculpture of it on the streets of Kyiv. Chicken Kiev is the famous dish of chicken breast stuffed with herbed butter, then fried.

It was ubiquitous in the 1970s, on the menu of any American restaurant

with aspirations of at least moderately fine dining. Then, as with many things that briefly become too popular, it began to fade

But when prepared properly, it is still an exceptional dish. And it is simple in concept. At the very center is butter mixed with herbs. (I used tarragon, but you could also use chives, parsley, chervil, thyme or rosemary.) Wrapped around that is a chicken breast that has been pounded thin.

This package of chicken and herbed butter is dipped first in flour, then egg and finally breadcrumbs before being deep fried to a golden brown. When you cut into one, the crust is crispy, the chicken is moist and melted butter flows out of the

There are some caveats, though, in making it. Chicken breasts are much larger now than they were when the dish was at the height of its popularity. Even if you pound one as thin as you can and wrap it around the butter, you still are likely to overcook the outside in the oil before the inside is cooked through.

I sliced mine in half horizontally, which yielded the proper size.

Most recipes suggest frying the chicken briefly before then cooking it in the oven as a way to ensure it is cooked all the way through. But that's cheating and is not in the spirit of the dish. I fried mine at the relatively low temperature of 350 degrees for the relatively long time of 15 minutes and ended up with chicken that was perfectly crispy on the outside and thoroughly cooked.

For dessert, I made Ukrainian crepes called nalesniki. I filled mine with a lightly sweetened cheese filling, but Mouzi said you could put literally almost anything in them: meat, vegetables, jellies, herbs, mushrooms, fruit, whipped

cream — anything.
Maybe so, but the filling I made with blended cottage cheese, cream cheese and sugar was absolutely heavenly — and I'm not a fan of cottage cheese. It could not have been better with the paper-thin crepes. I see no reason ever to fill them with anything else.



Golubtsi or cabbage stuffed with ground beef. Carrots add a natural earthy sweetness to the dish that perks up the mild-flavored cabbage.

CABBAGE ROLLS (GOLUBTSI)

Makes: 12 servings 3 cups cooked rice, from 1 cup uncooked

1/4 cup white vinegar 1 medium cabbage 1 pound ground pork, ground beef, ground

turkey or a combination 4 medium carrots, grated, divided 2 1/2 tablespoons olive oil, divided ½ tablespoon butter

11/2 cups marinara sauce, your choice (preferably homemade), divided 1 large egg

1 tablespoon sour cream Note: This dish can be prepared through step 8 and refrigerated up to 1 day in advance of cooking. These stuffed cabbage rolls are best when cooked in the oven, but they can also be simmered on top of the stove. To freeze, place room-temperature, cooked cabbage rolls in a single layer in freezer bags. Defrost in refrigerator overnight before reheating. 1. If rice is uncooked, cook according to

package directions. Set aside. Preheat

oven to 450 degrees. 2. Fill a large pot or Dutch oven two-thirds of the way with water. Add 1/2 tablespoon salt and ¼ cup vinegar, and bring to a boil. 3. Peel and discard the top two leaves from the cabbage. Cut out the core with a knife. Place cabbage in the boiling water, bottom down; cook 5 minutes, then rotate and cook another 5 minutes. Pull off leaves and place them on a platter to cool. If interior leaves are not soft, return cabbage to water and boil a few more minutes.

Leaves are done when they are soft and dull colored. Reserve 4 cups of water from the pot.

4. Mix ground meats and rice together in a large bowl.

5. Grate and sauté 2 of the carrots in 11/2 tablespoons oil and the butter over medium-high heat. Once they are soft, add 1/2 cup marinara sauce and sauté 1 more minute.

6. Add carrot-marinara mixture to rice and meat. Add egg and 1/2 tablespoon salt. Mix well.

7. Remove the tough stem from the larger cabbage leaves. Place about 2 tablespoons of the meat mixture (more for larger leaves) in the center of each leaf of cabbage. Roll the leaf like a burrito, stuffing in both ends to form a package of meat and rice encased in cabbage. Arrange cabbage rolls in a large pot or Dutch oven.

8. Heat the remaining 1 tablespoon oil in a skillet and sauté remaining 2 grated carrots with 1 teaspoon salt. Stir until soft. Add sour cream and remaining 1 cup marinara sauce. Sauté 1 more minute and remove from heat. Pour carrot-tomato sauce over the cabbage rolls.

9. To cook, add enough reserved water to almost cover the cabbage rolls. If using in the oven, cover and place on a rack in the bottom third and cook at 450 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and cook 1 hour more.

10. If using the stove, bring pot to a light boil, then cover and simmer 40 minutes over medium heat.

— Adapted from a recipe by Natasha Kravchuk, via natashaskitchen.com

CHICKEN KIEV

Makes: 6 servings 4 to 8 ounces softened butter, depending on size of the chicken breasts 1 to 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives, parsley, tarragon or chervil (or 1 to 2 teaspoons chopped thyme or rosemary), depending on size of chicken breasts

6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (see note) Salt and pepper Oil for deep frying 2 large eggs 1/4 cup water 1/2 cup all-purpose flour 3 cups breadcrumbs Note: If chicken breasts are larger than 8 ounces each,

slice them in half horizontally. In that case, use 3 breasts to create 6 pieces of chicken. 1. Mix the butter thoroughly with the chopped herbs, adding salt if butter is unsalted. Chill briefly. If the chicken pieces are small, use the lesser amounts of butter and herbs; if quite large, use the greater amounts. 2. Place chicken breasts between sheets of plastic

wrap or waxed paper and pound lightly with flat mallet or cast-iron skillet to make them 1/4-inch thick. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. 3. Place 1 1/2 to 3 tablespoons of filling in center of each

chicken breast. Fold edges

over to enclose the filling. Place the stuffed chicken breasts briefly in the freezer before breading them. 4. Meanwhile, pour oil deep enough in a pot to cover a rolled chicken breast. This requires a lot of oil; you may wish to use a medium-sized pot and cook the chicken in batches. Bring oil to a

temperature of 375 degrees. 5. Beat the eggs with the water in a bowl. Dip the stuffed chicken breasts first in flour to coat well, then in the egg mixture, coating them all over. Finally, roll

them in bread crumbs. 6. Carefully place 1 or more of the chicken breasts in the hot oil; the temperature will immediately drop. Try to keep the temperature around 350 degrees while you deep fry the breasts until golden brown and completely cooked, about 13 to 15 minutes. - Adapted from "Craig Claiborne's the New New York

Times Cook Book" by Craig Claiborne and Pierre Franey

UKRAINIAN CREPES (NALESNIKI)

Makes: 15 servings 24 ounces cottage cheese (see note) 8 ounces cream cheese,

softened 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar, divided 5 eggs, beaten 11/4 cups all-purpose flour 2 cups milk

½ tablespoon mild-flavored oil ¾ teaspoon salt

4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter, melted Note: You can also use ricotta or mascarpone. In

those cases, do not rinse before using. 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Rinse cottage cheese well in

a colander or sieve, and let

drain. Dry on paper towels.



2. Beat together the cottage cheese, cream cheese and ¼ cup of the sugar until fairly smooth. Set

aside. 3. Beat together the eggs

and flour until most of the flour clumps are gone. Gradually add milk over low speed until mixture smooths out. Beat in the oil, salt and the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar. 4. Place a nonstick 11-inch skillet over medium heat (you'll have to lightly grease with butter or oil if using a pan that is not nonstick). When the pan is hot, pour a scant 1/3 cup of batter onto it; quickly tilt and shake from side to side for the batter to spread evenly. Use less batter for a smaller pan. Cook until edges crisp slightly, and flip over. Cook an additional 45 seconds before removing. Stack and repeat. **5. Spread** the filling thinly over the top of each crepe. Roll tightly and arrange in the prepared baking dish. You will need part of a second layer

on top of the first. Brush both layers with melted butter, cover dish with aluminum foil and bake 25 to 30 minutes. Cut in half before serving. — Adapted from a recipe from

alyonascooking.com

The right words for the red wines of Languedoc

By Eric Asimov The New York Times

While I was drinking one of the three Languedoc reds that we have been examining over the past month, a one-word description kept running through my mind. "Rustic," and I meant it as a compliment.

Yet almost any word used to describe a wine comes with a ready-made argument against it. "Crisp" is a common description of white wines with lively acidity, yet someone invariably will ask, "How can a liquid be crisp?"

I can't help but believe that's an intentionally obtuse response, but I've been on the receiving end of it plenty of times. Same with "dry." The objections are predictable pokes at wine jargon, though dry is easily defined as a wine with minimal amounts of residual sugar after fermentation.

"Rustic" earned its own treatise last year on the site Punch by the writer Danny Chau, who suggested the word be retired. His objection, as I understood it, was on two counts. First, it has no fixed meaning. Rather, the meaning is derived from the context in which it is used, depending on who is speaking the word and the wine to which it is applied.

Second, with the proliferation of natural wines, rustic is too imprecise, referring vaguely to flaws without specifying the nature of the problem.

These are points worth thinking about. We strive for clarity in speaking about wine. Still we acknowledge that applying language to this slippery world of aromas, flavors, textures and liquid experiences can be frustrating.

Writers often resort to similes and metaphors to describe a wine, likening it to a string quartet or a brass band or a ballet. But the reference points can differ markedly from person to person.

What's more, each of these descriptors also requires context. In evaluating a wine, one ought to account for a winemaker's intention, as well as more mundane factors, like the price. One's mood also figures in the equation.

Wine writers have aimed for precision, but even that doesn't account for the subjective nature of experience. What one describes as "apple," another believes is "pear." Most winemakers, on hearing another person's description of their wine, just nod and agree. It's generally not worth arguing about.

Nonetheless, words like "rustic" are useful even if only as a device for remembering what I was thinking as I drank the wine, which makes it necessary to explain further in plainer language.

The word "rustic" is

derived from the Latin rusticus, which means "the country." It was originally used to describe wines that lacked refinement, that were simple and rough. In our modern age, where the mainstream is full of soulless, overly polished wines, rustic has also come to connote a sort of handmade



Red wines from Corsica, from left: Domaine Comte Abbatucci Cuvee Faustine Rouge Vieilles Vignes 2020; Domaine Maestracci Clos Reginu Rouge Corse Calvi 2019; Domaine Pinelli grenache, sciaccarellu and nielucciu 2020. TONY CENICOLA/THE NEW YORK TIMES

distinctiveness. Again, context is everything.

As I do each month, I suggested three bottles, to be consumed with family or friends with meals in a relaxed setting. The three Languedoc reds were: Domaine d'Aupilhac Languedoc Lou Maset 2018, Domaine Faillenc Sainte Marie Corbières Rouge 2019 and Domaine de l'Hortus Pic Saint Loup Bergerie Classique Rouge 2019.

The d'Aupilhac was the wine that had me thinking rustic — I loved it. It was a once-typical Languedoc blend, 40% grenache, 40% cinsault and 10% each of carignan and mourvèdre; dry, with flavors of dark and red fruits and an underlying herbal edge, with tannins that outweighed the density and concentra-

tion of the wine but were not overwhelming.

What made it rustic to me? The herbal qualities and the tannins, which made it feel a bit rough, and very much of the Languedoc. The wine was refreshing and energetic, and it was my favorite of the three bottles.

The Faillenc Sainte
Marie also seemed a tad
rustic. It was mildly herbal,
with rough tannins, and
lively, but it was a good deal
more sweetly fruity than

the d'Aupilhac.

It might have been its blend of grapes — equal thirds syrah, grenache and cinsault. But more likely it was the alcohol level, 14% as against d'Aupilhac's 12%. The increased ripeness of the grapes results in a higher sugar level, which, when fermented, means

more alcohol. The sweet fruit made it seem slightly less distinctive than the d'Aupilhac.

In contrast, the l'Hortus was the least rustic and most polished of the group and the highest in alcohol, 14.5%. It was 60% syrah and 20% each of grenache and mourvèdre, with light tannins, aromas and flavors of fresh fruit and no herbal elements. It seemed to embody that modern imperative of emphasizing fruit and eliminating traces of green, which some people fear indicates underripe grapes.

Several readers like Ferd Elvin of Montreal and Ferguson of Princeton, New Jersey, very much liked this wine, but it was my least favorite. Nothing was wrong with it except that compared with the other

two bottles it seemed to me to lack a sense of place.

That is possibly because I'm not enamored with syrah from the Languedoc, even though syrah is conventionally seen as a big improvement over more traditional Languedoc grapes like carignan and cinsault. As with syrah grown in some of the warmer parts of California and Australia, it loses its savory nature and becomes sweet-fruited and indistinct

My feelings, like anybody's, play into context and expectations. I expect Languedoc reds to conjure up the wild herbs of southern France famously known as garrigue. Without that herbal note, especially at higher alcohol levels, the wines can feel glossy and indistinct. Someone who prefers these more polished wines might call the d'Aupilhac rustic in a negative sense, even if they are not using that precise

Readers were divided on this wine. George Erdle of Charlotte, North Carolina, said, "It has a funky, not so pleasant nose." But Shweta of Michigan liked it so much she said she immediately ordered a second bottle. And Keith Hall of Steelton, Pennsylvania, had two different opinions on two successive nights.

The first night, he said, the bottle "had a lot of the barnyard and it was difficult to get past it." But the second night, he said, it was much better.

I would argue that most American consumers do not know what to expect from the Languedoc, which suggests that the region has not successfully conveyed an impression of what it offers, that is, an identity.

That might be a failure of marketing. But it might also be the fact that the Languedoc is a jumble of appellations, many of which have different rules for the varieties permitted in the blends. And it has habitually been linked to a neighboring region, Roussillon, where the wines can be entirely different.



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Make stovetop salmon without the smell

By Genevieve Ko The New York Times

This salmon and potatoes dish is inspired by my daughter's new home in Ireland and designed to avoid making her ventless kitchen – or anyone's kitchen – smell like a harbor on a muggy day.

Instead of frying or searing the fish, which releases an intense scent, I came up with a stovetop method that's faster than baking salmon but yields a similar silkiness.

The trick is to invert the usual steps of glazing salmon. Rather than swipe a finished sauce on top at the end like a final coat of nail polish, you cook the fish right in the mix from the start. A simple blend of whiskey, sugar and Worcestershire sauce thickens as it simmers and coats the pan as oil might, but doesn't splatter. The bubbling liquid gently heats the fillet from the bottom up, infusing it with a savory sweetness without drying it out.

With this technique, the fish won't end up with crispy skin. If there is skin, it peels off easily after cooking — the feeling is as satisfying as removing plastic protectors from new electronic devices.

Baby potatoes on the plate provide a contrast in textures, their buttercup-hued peels crackling with salt. Their snowdrift coating makes this dish look complex, but that delicate casing is easy to achieve. Based on papas arrugadas, wrinkly saltcrusted potatoes with mojo from the Canary Islands, these potatoes are boiled in generously salted water until tender, then shaken with a splash of the water left in the pot until it evaporates and the salt crystallizes onto the spuds.

The savory snap of the creamy rounds is just what you want against the subtle sweetness of the glazed



Whiskey-glazed salmon with salt-crusted potatoes is a simple dinner that features a smart trick for silky, scentless fish. JENNY HUANG/THE NEW YORK TIMES

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

By Diane Rossen Worthington Tribune Content Agency

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Growing up, I watched my mother prepare the crackly matzos into soft sponges by putting them under warm water. It's a memory I happily connect

We always had this famous Ashkenazi dish during the week of Passover. Often, we'd have it for breakfast along with a big drizzle of Log Cabin

syrup. Sometimes my mom

berry slices across the top

of each dish. Passover and

spring - a cheerful combi-

Through the years,

homestyle dish. One of my

crispy, golden-fried matzo

basic scrambled eggs. The

onions and smoked salmon

deliver a distinctive savory-

You'll find a caramelized

sweet flavor to the dish.

favorites is this "take" on lox, onions and eggs. The

I have made alternate

versions to the sweet.

pieces add texture to

sprinkled sweet straw-

My daughter hasn't yet made this dish ("I'm busy, ma"), and maybe she never will. But the compulsion to feed isn't purely maternal — it's the reason I cook professionally, too and cooking to feed isn't completely selfless. When putting together meals to solve the puzzles of another's needs, I stretch in creativity and gain knowledge I hadn't been seeking.

The very act of feeding, whether in plates shared at the dinner table, through recipes sent across an ocean or in other forms of providing sustenance, nourishes the giver as much as the receiver.

When everything else feels out of control, there's comfort in being able to care through food.

WHISKEY-GLAZED SALMON WITH SALT-CRUSTED **POTATOES**

The savory snap of baby potatoes crusted in salt is just what you want with the subtle sweetness of this fish's glaze. The fish and the potatoes cook and come together at the same time in this fast meal. Serve with a salad or, after the glaze is scraped onto the fish, throw baby spinach into the still-hot skillet and stir to just wilt.

Makes: 4 servings Total time: 20 minutes For the potatoes:

11/2 pounds baby gold potatoes, scrubbed 2 tablespoons coarse sea salt or kosher salt

For the salmon:

2 tablespoons sugar

6 tablespoons whiskey 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce 4 (5-ounce) salmon fillets

Salt and black pepper

1. Make the potatoes: The potatoes should all be the same small size, about 1 inch in diameter, so cut any larger ones in halves or quarters. Place in a large saucepan with 4 cups water and add the salt. Bring to boil over high heat, then continue boiling until a paring knife slides through a potato easily, about 15 minutes.

2. About 5 minutes before the potatoes are tender, start the salmon: Combine the sugar, whiskey and Worcestershire sauce in a large skillet, and bring to a boil over mediumhigh heat, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Season the salmon with salt and pepper, then add to the skillet skin-side down (or the flat side if the fillets are skinless). Reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer until the salmon becomes opaque about halfway up the sides, about 5 minutes. 3. Meanwhile, carefully tip the saucepan into the sink to pour out all but about \(\sup \) cooking water.

This savory matzo brei is a

'take' on lox, onions and eggs

keeping the potatoes in the pan. Return the saucepan to the stove with the potatoes and a thin layer of cooking water at the bottom, and set over high heat. Cook, shaking the pan often, until the liquid evaporates and the potatoes are crusted in a fine film of salt, about 5 minutes. The pan should be extremely dry and coated in salt, and the potatoes will sound crackly when shaken.

4. Flip salmon and continue cooking until just opaque from top to bottom and a paring knife slides through with almost no resistance, about 5 minutes longer. If you started with a 1-inchthick fillet, this will be medium-rare. The timing will vary depending on the thickness of your fish and your preferred doneness. If you'd like, use tongs to peel off and discard the skin if there is any. The glaze should have thickened and be syrupy.

5. Divide the potatoes and salmon among serving plates and drizzle any glaze from the pan over the fish.



This pasta absorbs lots of flavor while cooking in the same pot as the sauce. KENDRA ELIZABETH SMITH/AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

One-pot pasta means easy cleanup on busy weeknights

America's Test Kitchen

This recipe uses just one pot to cook the pasta and the sauce together — no draining a separate pot of boiling water required. This is possible not through magic, but through the precise measurement of the liquid needed to cook your pasta.

There is just enough broth for the pasta to absorb and become tender, plus a little extra to create the sauce. And that sauce takes shape when you stir the pasta hard! - after it finishes cooking.

The pasta releases starch as it cooks, helping the liquid thicken into a creamy (creamless) sauce.

SAVORY MATZO BREI WITH SMOKED SALMON AND CARAMELIZED ONIONS

Makes: 2 servings

4 large eggs

2 tablespoons caramelized onions

1. Soften the matzo sheets by running them under warm water until they begin to soften, 30 seconds to a minute. Place on a plate or cookie sheet and let them continue to soften for a few minutes. Dry off with paper

I keep a jar in my pantry as a backup, so this takes just a few minutes to put together. In a pinch, I like Divina Caramelized Onion

Whether you prefer it sweet or savory, matzo brei is a

tradition to look forward to each year. **DREAMSTIME**

onion recipe following the

brei recipe. If you don't

have time, you can use a jar of caramelized onions.

Jam, which you can order

online. This condiment is

a worthy taste addition to

many dishes. Look for a

like Nova or Atlantic. I

and sometimes we will

less salty smoked salmon

often serve this for brunch,

dinner. If you prefer a sweetened version, omit the onions and salmon. Instead, add a tablespoon of sugar while the matzo is sautéing so it becomes slightly caramelized. Continue scrambling the eggs with the matzo until just done. Serve with maple syrup or your preferred jam or fruit compote. Sweet or savory, matzo brei is a tradition to look forward to each year.

have it for breakfast or

ONE-POT SHELLS WITH PEAS AND SAUSAGE

Makes: 2 to 4 servings Note: If you can't find ground sweet Italian

sausage, you can use 1 pound of sausage links; use kitchen shears to cut open the casings lengthwise, and peel off and discard casings before adding to the pot in step 1. 1 pound ground sweet Italian sausage 1 small onion, peeled and chopped fine ¾ teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional) 1/2 cup plus 3 1/2 cups chicken broth, measured

41/2 cups medium pasta shells (12 ounces) 2 cups frozen peas ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese (1 ounce),

plus extra for serving 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest plus

1 tablespoon lemon juice, zested and squeezed from 1 lemon

1. Add sausage, onion, salt, pepper and pepper flakes (if using) to a Dutch oven. Use a wooden spoon to break sausage into small pieces. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally and continuing to break up sausage, until sausage is lightly browned and

pot, 10 to 12 minutes. 2. Carefully add 1/2 cup chicken broth and use a wooden spoon to scrape up browned bits on bottom of the pot. Cook until liquid has mostly evaporated, about 2 minutes. 3. Stir in pasta and remaining 3 1/2 cups broth. Bring mixture to a boil.

dark brown bits have formed on bottom of

4. Reduce heat to medium-low and cover pot with lid. Cook until pasta is tender, 10 to 12 minutes. (Some liquid will remain in pot.) Turn off heat.

5. Add peas, Parmesan, lemon zest and lemon juice. Use a wooden spoon to stir vigorously for 1 minute. Let sit, uncovered, for 5 minutes to allow peas to warm through and sauce to thicken slightly. (Sauce will continue to thicken as pasta cools.) 6. Use a ladle to divide pasta among individual bowls. Sprinkle with extra

Parmesan cheese, if desired. Serve.

2 sheets matzo

3 tablespoons unsalted butter

½ cup milk

½ cup coarsely chopped smoked salmon Fresh chives, for garnish

2. Meanwhile, whisk the eggs and milk

together until well blended. In a large nonstick skillet, melt the butter on mediumhigh heat. With your hands break the matzo into bite-sized pieces. Add the pieces to the pan and saute them until brown and crisped. then using tongs, turn them to evenly brown them, about 3 to 4 minutes.

3. Pour the eggs into the skillet and move around until they are almost set. Add the onions and salmon, and mix; cook another minute or so. Turn out the matzo brei into shallow bowls, garnish with chives and serve.

CARAMELIZED ONIONS

Makes: about 1 ½ cups 1/4 cup olive oil

4 large yellow, red or Maui (or a combination) onions, thinly sliced 1 tablespoon sugar

Freshly ground white pepper

1. Heat oil in a large non-aluminum casserole pan on medium high heat. Add the onions and saute for about 12 to 15 minutes or until well softened. Stir frequently.

2. Add the sugar to the onions and simmer on low heat until almost all of the liquid has evaporated, and the onions are very tender and caramelized into a deep golden brown, about 15 more minutes. Watch carefully toward the end to avoid burning the onions. Add the salt and pepper. Taste for seasoning. Cool and serve at room temperature.